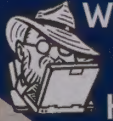


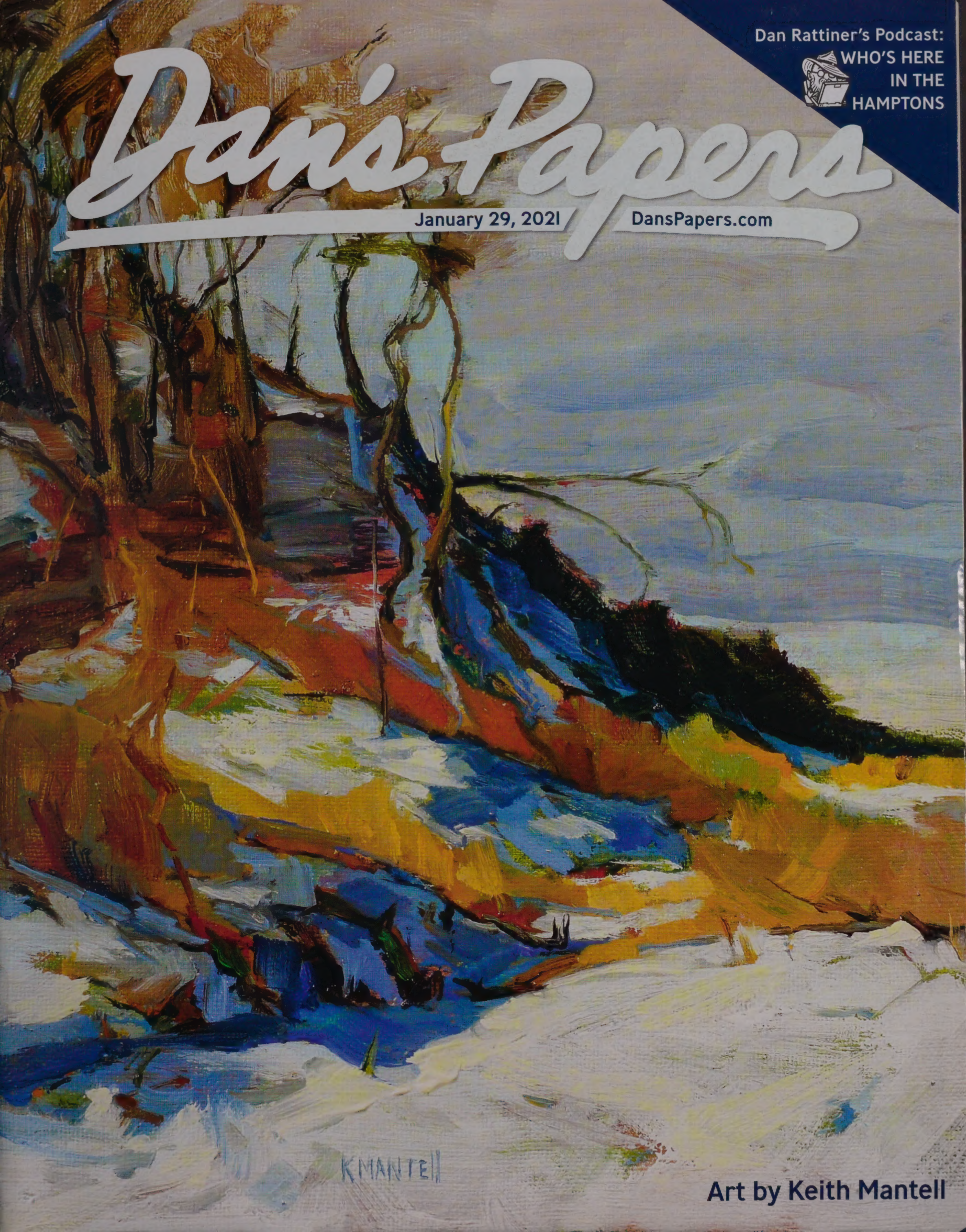
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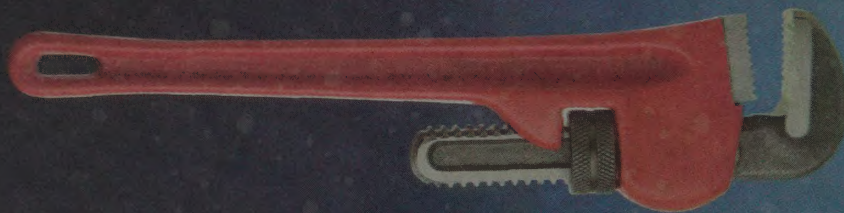
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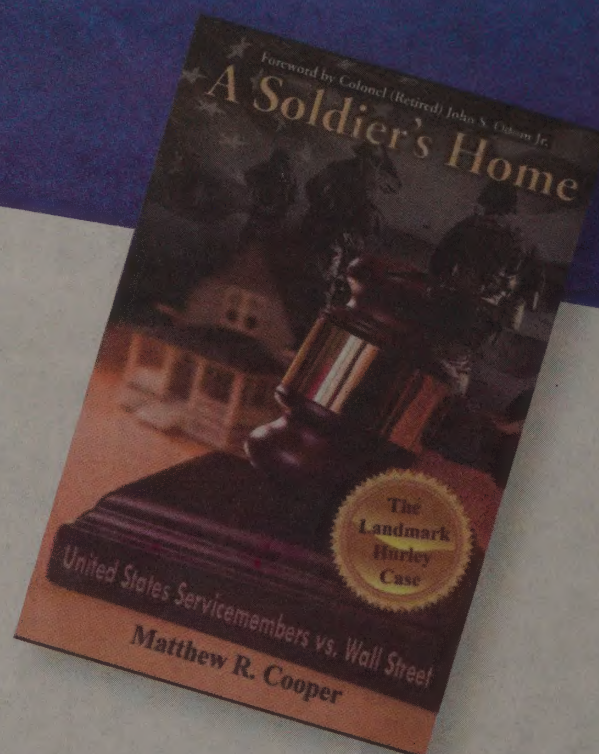
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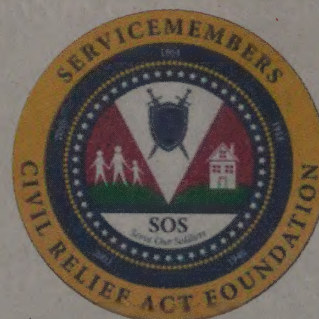
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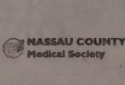
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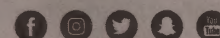
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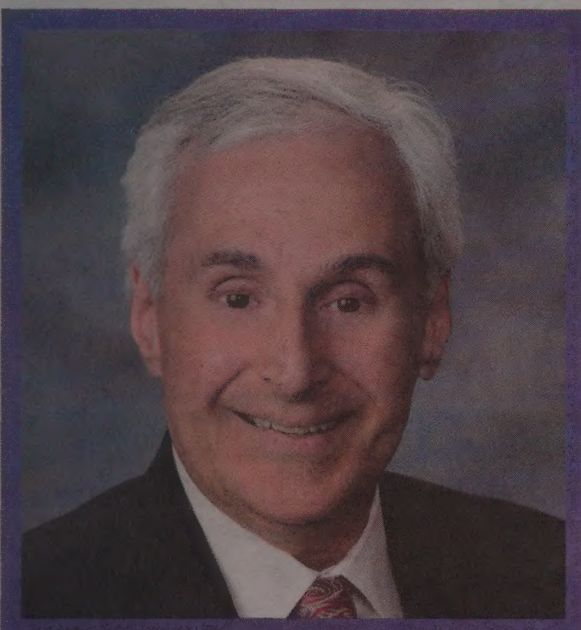
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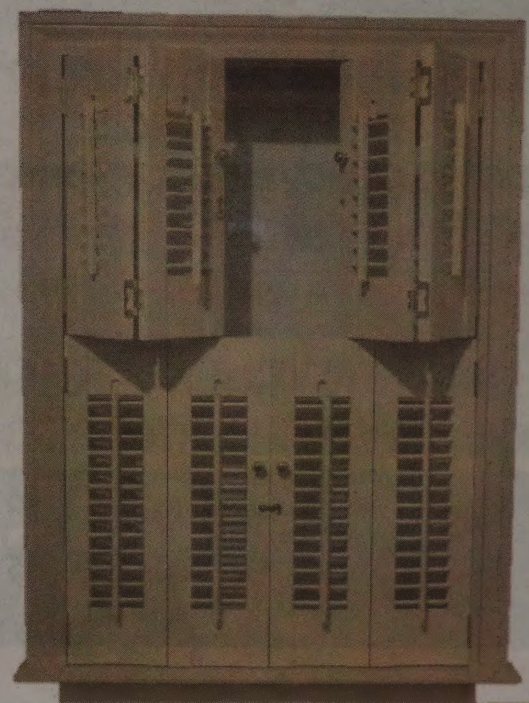


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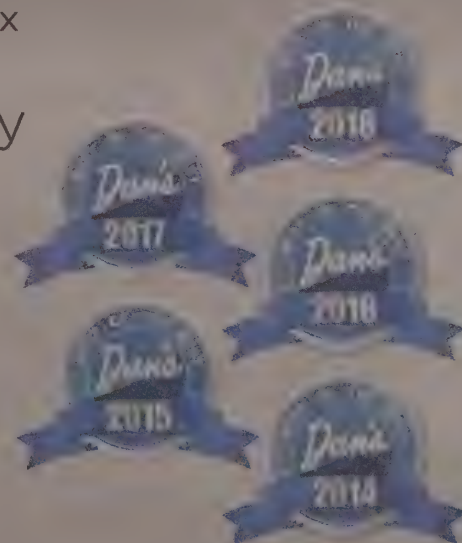
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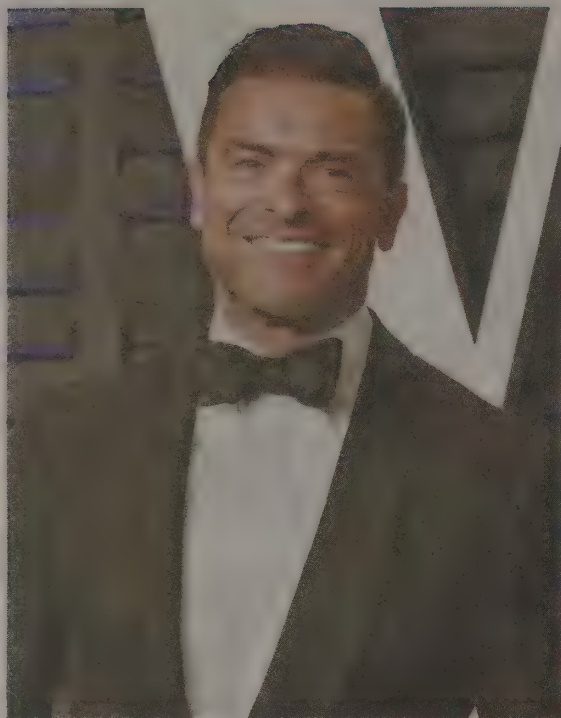
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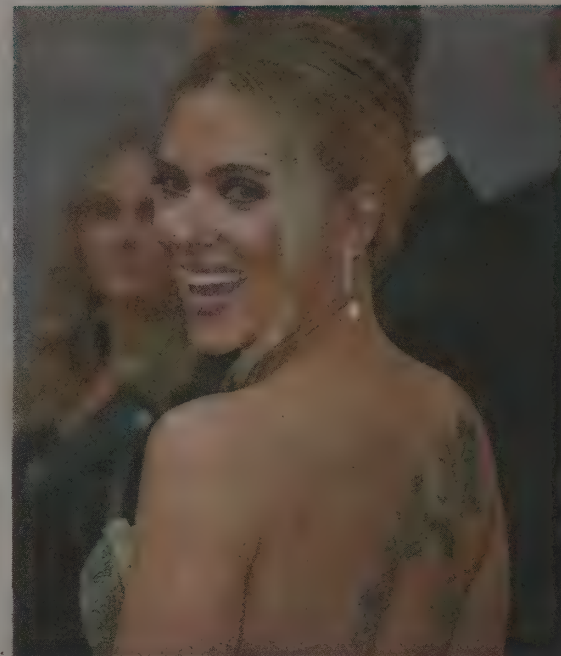
Hamptonite **Jane Krakowski** just shot down a strange rumor about her love life. Following reports that the actress—a liberal LGBTQ advocate who has starred in numerous TV series, films and Broadway shows—was having a secret affair with MyPillow CEO and far-right activist **Mike Lindell**—Krakowski's representation debunked the story to *Vanity Fair*: "Jane has never met Mr. Lindell. She is not and has never been in any relationship with him, romantic or otherwise. She is, however, in full-fledged fantasy relationships with **Brad Pitt**, **Regé-Jean Page**, and Kermit the Frog and welcomes any and all coverage on those." British outlet *Daily Mail* had written that Krakowski had a summer fling with Lindell at her Hamptons beach house. Lindell confirmed that the story was false: "I have never even heard of Jane Krakowski???" The story clearly upset Lindell, who is suing the publication. Krakowski is known for her comedic turns on *30 Rock*, *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt* and more.

Netflix has renewed its Regency romance, **Bridgerton**, for a second season. The show, which features the voice of beloved Sag Harbor performer **Julie Andrews** as an anonymous gossip columnist in 19th Century London, is based on a series of books by **Julia Quinn**. The first season was primarily based on *The Duke and I* and followed the love story of Daphne Bridgerton (**Phoebe Dynevor**) and the Duke of Hastings (**Regé-Jean Page**). The second season will be based on *The Viscount Who Loved Me* and focus on Anthony (**Jonathan Bailey**), the eldest Bridgerton brother, and his search for a suitable wife. The new season was announced on Twitter with a message from Lady Whistledown (Andrews). Watch the first season on Netflix now.

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Marvel Studios' *Black Widow*, starring Amagansett's **Scarlett Johansson**, is expected to be delayed yet again. According to reports, *Black Widow* may miss its May 7 theatrical release date due to ongoing pandemic concerns. While Marvel's newest release, the Disney+ streaming series *WandaVision*, is currently enjoying a positive critical reception, there's no word on if the studio will release the film on demand. *Black Widow* is the first standalone film about Johansson's KGB agent-turned-superhero, Natasha Romanoff. Johansson first appeared as the character in *Iron Man 2* in 2010 opposite East Hamptonite **Robert Downey Jr.** and has reprised the role in a significant capacity in *The Avengers*, *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, *Captain America: Winter Soldier*, *Captain America: Civil War*, *Avengers: Infinity War* and *Avengers: Endgame*.

Quogue resident **Eli Manning** is reuniting with former New York Giants teammate **Victor Cruz** to help football fans create an epic Super



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SCARLETT JOHANSSON

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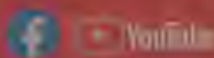
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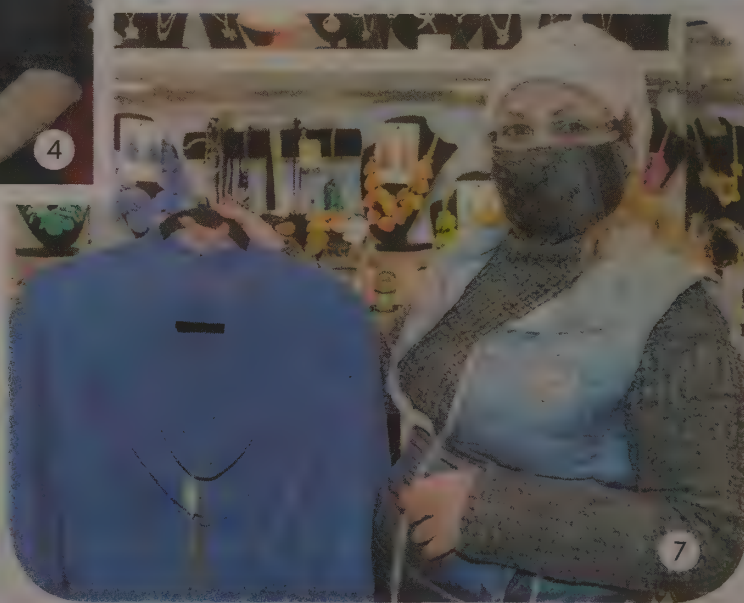
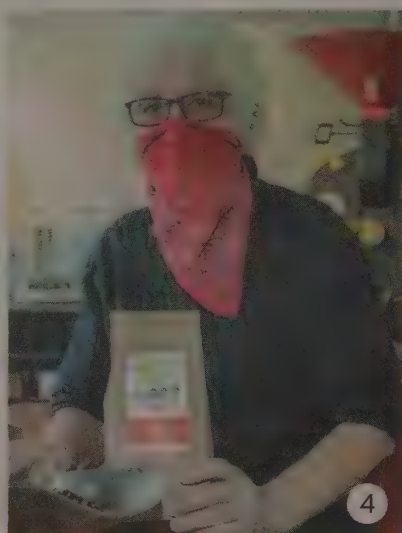
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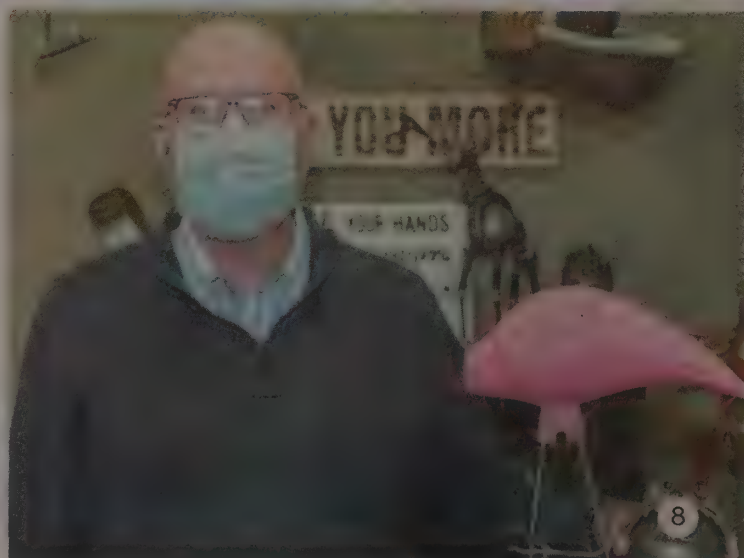
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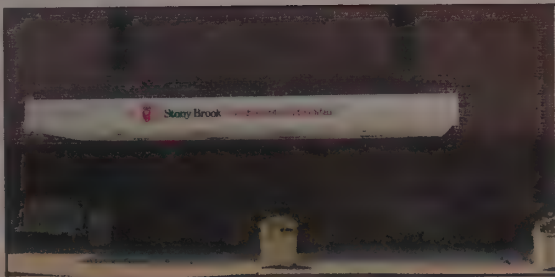
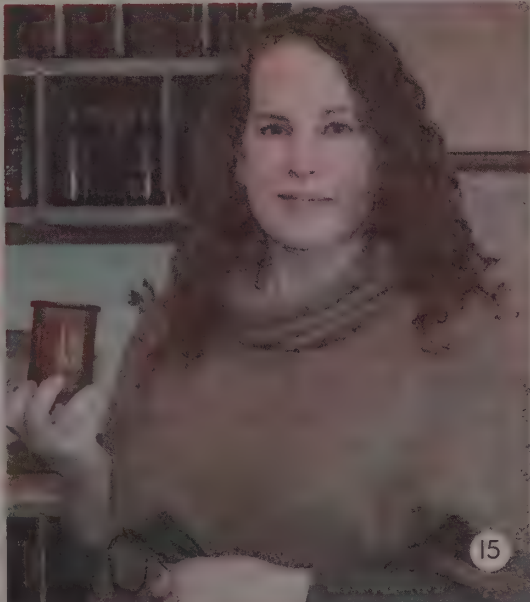
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BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Town of East Hampton has approved the proposed offshore South Fork wind farm cable to tunnel under the beach in Wainscott shortly before the town is slated to debate a proposal to incorporate that hamlet as a village in a bid to pull the plug on the project.

The town board voted 5-1 on Jan. 21 to allow the wind farm's developers, Danish energy company Orsted and New England-based Eversource, to bring the 132-megawatt electrical transmission cable ashore 30 feet below the beach at Beach Lane in Wainscott so it can connect to a Long Island Power Authority substation in East Hampton. Then on Feb. 5, the town will hold a public hearing on the proposed incorporation of Wainscott as a village — a move critics hope can keep work crews off their shores.

"I vote yes to advancing our commitment to renewable energy and continuing East Hampton's long tradition of leadership in protecting the environment," said East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc. Once approved by the state Public Service Commission and

federal agencies, the town stands to earn almost \$29 million in payments over 25 years from the developers.

Environmentalists praised the measure advancing the proposed 15-turbine wind farm in federal waters 30 miles east of Montauk Point, which is billed as the first offshore wind farm in New York State when it is expected to be completed in 2023. The vote came a week after Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a second wind farm 60 miles off Montauk that will connect to Queens.

Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott, the group petitioning for incorporation, suggested that it will take the town to court to block the move.

"This illegal and reckless action is the latest example of the town board's appeasement of Orsted to grab for dollars and indulge their ego," said Michael McKeon, a spokesman for the group. "They are taking short cuts because the Supervisor is afraid of Wainscott incorporating. We have sought to avoid litigation but the town board has made this inevitable and we will initiate litigation against any governmental body that fails to adhere to the letter and spirit of laws designed to protect the citizens of Wainscott."

Contractor Admits East Hampton Town Hall Fraud

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

A contracting company has admitted to submitting false payroll information to cover up the fact that it underpaid its workers hired to repair the roof of East Hampton Town Hall.

Bay Shore-based William G. Prophy, LLC pleaded guilty on Jan. 21 at Suffolk County court to a felony charge of offering a false instrument for filing. The owner of the company, 58-year-old William Proefriedt, was also arrested in 2018 and facing a second count of the same charge for allegedly falsely stating that his workers were licensed to do plumbing, electrical and HVAC work in his bid to restore the Pyrrhus Concer House in the Village of Southampton.

"The consequences of these unscrupulous business practices are two-fold: on the one hand, you have employees not being paid their fair share for the work they are doing, which is not only illegal but immoral," Suffolk County District Attorney Timothy Sini said. "On the other hand, you have bad actors winning contracts over upstanding companies by cutting corners at the expense of their workers and under-bidding the competition."

The company, doing business as WGP Contracting, Inc., won its bid on the public works project to replace the cedar shake shingle roof on Nov. 16, 2017, but during course of the project, the company paid several employees as laborers instead of roofers, which must be paid at a higher rate in accordance with New York State's prevailing wage schedule, prosecutors said. Payrolls records that the company submitted to the town, however, contained the misclassifications and falsely asserted that the workers had been paid properly, authorities said.

A joint investigation with the New York State Department of Labor also revealed evidence that the company had similarly misclassified several of the same workers on a public works project to renovate toll booths at Jones Beach State Park.

As a part of the plea, Proefriedt forfeited \$42,664.63, which will be distributed to the underpaid workers on the East Hampton and Jones Beach projects, was ordered to pay a \$2,500 fine, and is barred from bidding on public works projects for five years. The charge in the Southampton case was dismissed in exchange for the plea.

RHODE ISLAND JULY 27, 2015. (REUTERS)

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Sag Harbor Eyes New Waterfront Development Rules

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Village of Sag Harbor is wading further into a debate to enact new rules for development in its waterfront district that makes up the heart of the downtown.

Village officials released their recommended zoning code update for the waterfront area before the board discusses the issue at its Jan. 27 meeting.

"We undertook this project because we want a zoning code that will ensure that any new development in the waterfront area will be consistent with the community's vision and compatible with the village's historic character," Sag Harbor Mayor Kathleen Mulcahy said.

The village enacted a moratorium on new development in August until the new rules could be finalized. Nelson Pope & Voorhis, LLC (NPV), the Form-Based Codes Institute (FBCI), and Chuck Banas Design (CBD) have been working as consultants on a three-phased project.

The team has proposed adoption of what's known as an overlay district and a form-based code, which would require new development or major renovations meet specific standards of form, scale and placement of buildings on properties as well as the pedestrian experience.

The proposed code updates are intended to ensure that any new development balances the protection and enhancement of the unique and eclectic qualities of the village waterfront with the economic realities of property values and limited areas for development in a way that enhances the overall character and charm of the village.



A MAP OF THE PROPOSED WATERFRONT DISTRICT.

Suffolk Preserves Riverhead Land For New Park

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Suffolk County recently closed on the purchase of 93 acres of farmland and waterfront open space that is slated to be turned into passive parkland in the Town of Riverhead, officials said.

The property stretching from Sound Avenue to the Long Island Sound consists of 20 acres of farmland and roughly 73 acres of open space and habitat. The land, purchased from the Carman family, will be used as parkland with hiking trails and beachfront access.

"Two things need to be in place to preserve land: A willing landowner, and available funds," said Suffolk Legislator Al Krupski (D-Cutchogue). "This is not always the case, and Suffolk County was fortunate that these two requirements aligned."

The acquisition, which lawmakers

approved in September, is funded by the county's drinking water protection program funded by a ¼ percent sales tax.

It was one of two pieces of land that the county recently purchased. The other, 46 acres of active, prime farmland sitting on the south side of Sound Avenue and east of Roanoke Avenue, was preserved through the purchase of developments rights program.

"Preserving farmland through the PDR program benefits the community and the economy in so many ways," Krupski added. "It keeps the land on the tax rolls, prevents the potential development that can lead to higher property taxes, protects water quality and quantity, and adds to our ability for Suffolk County to produce food and other agricultural products well into the future."

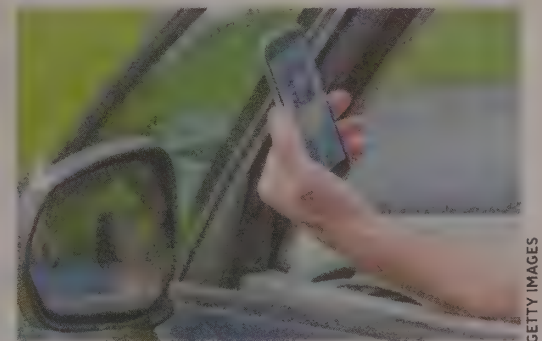
Paid Parking Coming To Greenport Next?

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Village of Greenport officials are the latest East End municipality to show interest in potentially contracting with an app-based paid parking company that's being eyed for three South Fork villages.

Greenport Village Trustee Julia Robins said she recently spoke with Lex Blum, a representative from Park Mobile, which recently secured a contract with the Village of East Hampton, has a proposed contract with the Village of Sag Harbor, and is being considered in the Village of Southampton.

"This is something we should look at," Robins told the Jan. 21 village board work session. "It would be a way to raise revenue for parking, it would be a way to manage timed parking



APP-BASED PAID PARKING IS UNDER CONSIDERATION ON THE NORTH FORK

spaces, it would be designated, and there would be a way of exempting residents."

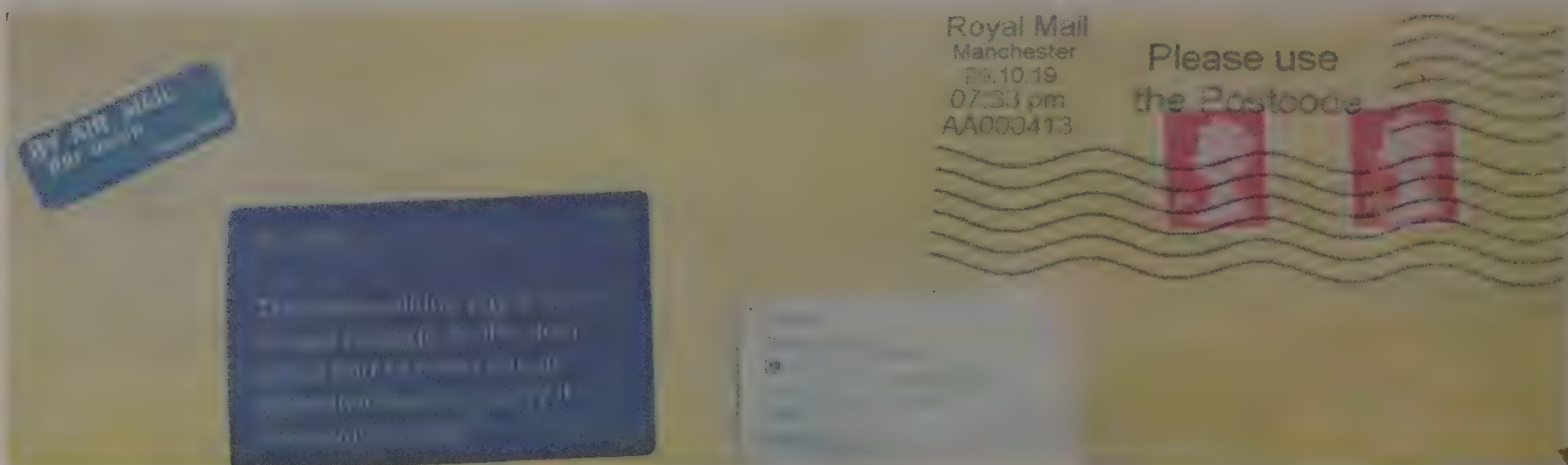
The village board expressed interest in hearing the company out.

"We can look at maybe having him come to a future meeting and just explain the system to everybody," said Greenport mayor George W. Hubbard, Jr.

DAN'S COLUMN

Incoming & Outgoing

In Praise of a Grand Old Government Service that Brightens My Day



READ THE POLITE APOLOGY FROM ENGLAND'S ROYAL MAIL THAT CAME ON THIS ENVELOPE. ENGLAND IS THE HOME OF GOOD MANNERS.

BY DAN RATTINER

I sent a handwritten letter earlier today. Closing the lid on my laptop and pushing it toward the back of my desk, I assembled an envelope, a pen, a roll of stamps, a dispenser of Scotch tape and a sheet of paper. And on the paper I began to write, using my pen. It's not important to this story what I had to say, and as a matter of fact, it's against the law to tamper with the U.S. mail – you could go to jail – but my pen makes a fine black line because I write small. And I enjoy doing that.

When I finished writing what I had to say, I folded the paper into thirds and slid it into the envelope. I licked the back of the envelope and folded it over to seal it shut. Then I peeled off a stamp – it had on it a picture of Francis Scott Key and two American flags – and affixed it to the upper right corner of the front of the envelope. In the center, still writing small, I wrote the address of where it was to go. And in the upper left corner I wrote an abbreviation of my return address that would suffice in case the mail could not be delivered. I wrote RATTINER, 11937. They know me in this small town.

With this completed, I took the envelope out of the house, walked with it down to the mailbox I have on the street, opened the front and put the letter inside, and then I lifted up the red metal flag on the side – a signal to the postman that he should stop here even if he does not have any incoming mail for me,



open the box, take out my envelope, close the box and lower the flag. Then he would drive off with it, pass it off to another mailman and then another mailman and so forth, until after a few days of this it would wind up in St. Paul, Minn. There. I mentioned something about my private business.

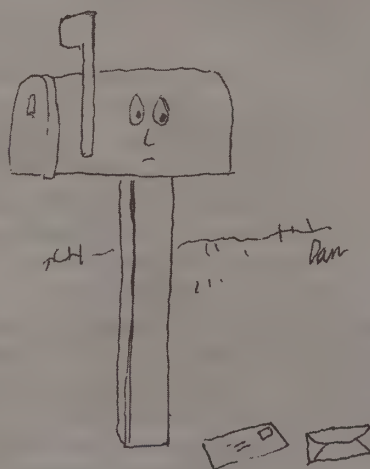
Then I walked back up the driveway and into the house, went back to my desk, put the stamps and envelopes and my pen away, slid my laptop back into position and that was that.

Later in the day, I walked back down my driveway to the mailbox. The red flag was down. So I know the mailman had been there. I live on a busy county road, Three Mile Harbor Road, and the cars come by and the drivers see me opening the lid and reaching my hand into my mailbox, then pulling out some incoming letters, from Dallas, or Paris, or maybe just the people down the way. The motorists would see me happily looking through my incoming letters. They were like the cards dealt me for the day. Good ones, bad ones, offers, replies, requests, and so forth. I'd smile at the mail. Then I'd walk holding the letters back up the driveway and disappear into my house to get a closer look

at what I got. Maybe I got a check in the mail. Maybe a friend far away sent me something. Maybe a charity for a children's home for boys would enclose a dime that could be peeled off a letter from them asking for money. Or maybe they would enclose a piece of heavy paper that had little peel off stickers on the back that had my name and address printed colorfully on it next to a heart or a flag I could use. Clearly it was intended for me to put on the upper left part of my outgoing mail, saving me the trouble of writing RATTINER 11937.

Thank you, children's charity.

I like sending and receiving letters using the U.S. mail. The U.S. mail was one of the first things our founding fathers set up as a service to the citizens of this country. It was never meant to make money. It was meant to lose money so even the poor, paying even a pittance, could send letters back and forth. It was considered a right for the citizenry to be able to communicate with everyone elsewhere, and it was considered a job for the government to provide it. I think that, like the stamp I put on the outside of the envelope, it is first class, and I hope the U.S. mail continues on forever and ever, until the Earth falls into the Sun. A long time from now.



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ARLENE RAMIREZ, RN, DIRECTOR, PATIENT CARE, ED, LONG ISLAND JEWISH VALLEY STREAM, RECEIVES THE MODERNA CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) VACCINE AT NORTHWELL HEALTH'S LONG ISLAND JEWISH VALLEY STREAM HOSPITAL IN NEW YORK CITY, U.S., DECEMBER 21, 2020.

Vaccine Crunch Hits East End As Pandemic Milestone Looms

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Feb. 7 marks a year since Stony Brook University Hospital recorded its first suspected case of coronavirus in a patient who visited the emergency room — a month before Long Island's first confirmed case of Covid-19.

Despite health advances in treating patients and curbing the spread of the pandemic since then, vaccine access remains an issue on the East End as

New York State blamed federal supply bottlenecks for not keeping up with demand. Meanwhile, Twin Forks lawmakers continued to urge state and Suffolk County leaders to make sure Hamptons and North Fork residents get their fair share while lining up locations to use as mass-vaccination sites to prepare for when doses are more readily available.

"I am cautiously optimistic that, as supply and distribution increases, we will see more of those resources di-

rected to the East End," Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell said.

As of Jan. 26, New York's coronavirus distribution sites had administered 93 percent of 1,304,050 first doses and 74 percent of first and second doses with the next allocation expected mid-week, state officials said. Long Island has administered 75 percent — 172,500 — of the first and second doses it received. How many of those were East End residents was not immediately clear.

Peconic Bay Medical Center in Riverhead has been administering COVID-19 vaccinations since Jan. 11 to East End residents eligible in Phase 1a and Phase 1b, which includes teachers, first responders, public safety workers, public transit workers, public-facing grocery store workers, homeless individuals sharing accommodations with others, and anyone over the age of 65.

Concerned that the one site wasn't

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enough to keep up with local demand, East End lawmakers — including all five town supervisors, most village mayors, and the three state legislators who represent the area — sent a letter to Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone and Gov. Andrew Cuomo decrying the lack of access.

"The vaccine distribution on the East End, with the new, expanded eligibility categories, is virtually non-existent," the letter had stated. "Our residents, particularly senior citizens, cannot be expected to drive an hour or more to places such as Brentwood, Jones Beach, or Stony Brook, to get the vaccine. While we have submitted many

Shelter Island Town Supervisor Gerard F. Siller, adding that the town is in "constant contact" with both the county and the state. "We are working with our senior services to set up for vaccinations, if and when they become available."

The Town of Southampton has submitted a list of potential locations, including schools, senior centers, and churches.

"We're trying to be as helpful as possible," Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman said. "We're available, we'll provide buildings, whatever they need, outreach to help get the vaccine into people's arms. We've made that very clear."

clerk duties and crowd control.

He added that the town is in discussions about potentially adding a mobile vaccination unit or a Montauk satellite location once enough doses become available. But the Wainscott site is still the best bet, he said.

"I think it's really important to focus on a centralized large capacity location," he said, noting that he's also pressing state leaders to recognize that the population has increased since the 2010 census.

Demand remains overwhelming.

"We're fielding a lot of calls from frustrated individuals who want to be vaccinated, they qualify under the category, yet the website has crashed or there's no appointment," Schneiderman said.

Van Scoyoc said one resident likened a day-long effort to get an appointment to winning a jackpot.

"One of the seniors who have been corresponding with me, I kept urging her, 'Just keep trying, don't pass up an opportunity to get vaccinated based on whether or not it's convenient, figure out how to get there and get the vaccine, you may not know when the next opportunity will be,'" the supervisor told the Jan. 19 town board meeting. "She finally got back to me the following day saying that she spent eight hours on three different devices trying to get through and get a date. ... She said she felt like she won the lottery even though the appointment is for April 11th."

As of Jan. 24, the East End had 9,067 total confirmed cases, or 6 percent of cases county-wide. Southampton Town had learned half of those with 4,014 while of the individual communities, the hamlet of Riverhead has the most cases with 1,375, Suffolk Department of Health data shows.

Meanwhile, the number of doses that the state has received weekly from the federal government has declined.

"Originally, the state was distributing 300,000 vaccines state-wide weekly," Russel noted. "The number is now 250,000 statewide based on the limited number being supplied at the federal level." The state confirmed it's expected to receive a 16% increase in doses from the federal government next week.

That still means the East End's planned vaccination sites will remain on standby until the distribution improves.

"We've given them a number of sites now on the East End that we can make available," Schneiderman

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

4,014

Town of Southampton

2,553

Town of Riverhead

1,233

Town of East Hampton

1,229

Town of Southold

38

Town of Shelter Island

9,067

East End total

131,621

Suffolk County

1,338,990

New York State

25,335,606

United States

100,032,461

Global Total

Suffolk County Department of Health data as of Jan. 24;
Johns Hopkins University data as of Jan. 26.

*We've given them a number
of sites now on the East End
that we can make available.
It really comes back to their
ability to access doses so that
they can get it to us.*

locations in our communities for consideration for the distribution of the vaccine, those suggestions have been ignored."

Since then, town leaders say Bellone and Cuomo joined a conference call with the East End town supervisors and village mayors to discuss the issue. While the region waits for more doses and expanded eligibility to vaccinate more residents, local officials are setting up vaccine distribution sites and lining up staff to inoculate residents, in the hopes that if they build it, the vaccine will come. A spokesman for Bellone said in response to the letter that it plans to open a vaccine site at Suffolk County Community College's Eastern Campus in Riverhead. Cuomo's office did not respond to requests for comment.

"Like everyone else, we are waiting for expanded distribution," said

And Town of East Hampton officials are working on setting up a site at the Child Development Center of the Hamptons building in Wainscott.

"It has many attributes that make it an ideal site, in our opinion," East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc told the Jan. 19 town board during its latest work session, noting that the East Hampton Healthcare Foundation and other medical professionals also liked the location. "It was embraced as being an excellent location to prepare a mass vaccination site. It's isolated from other activities, it wouldn't interfere with other business."

Buildings, however, are only half the battle. The town said local fire department emergency medical technicians are being certified to administer vaccinations and volunteers are being recruited to handle

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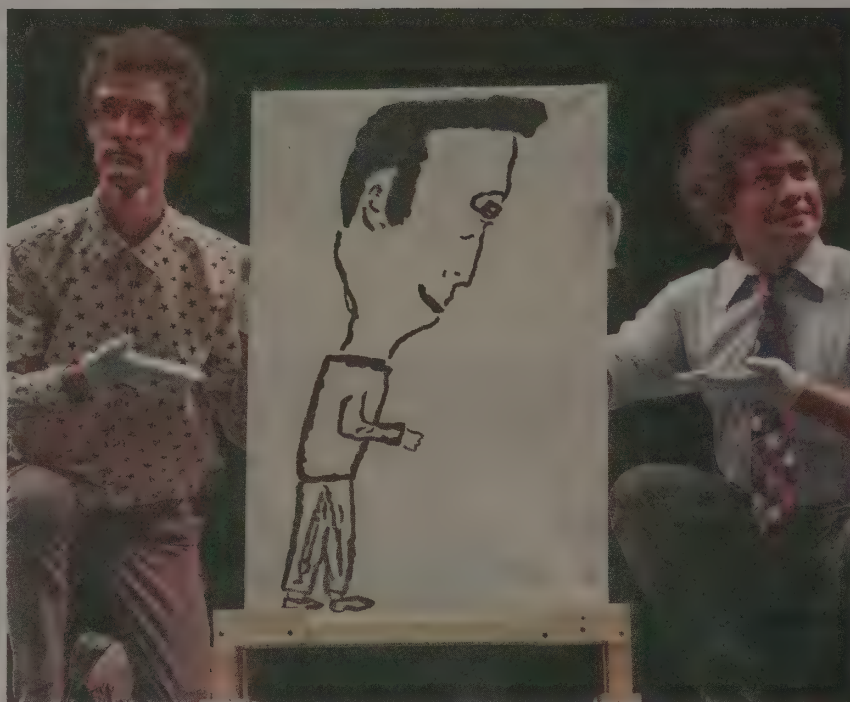
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Introducing the February 2021 Watermill Center Artists-in-Residence

BY DAVID TAYLOR

On February 3, The Watermill Center in Water Mill welcomes its first round of 2021 artists-in-residence to its physical—and virtual—space, with its first-ever hybrid Artists Residency Program. While performance duo Brian Belott and Matthew Thurber will work on-premise and Kyoko Hamaguchi, Nicole Pasulka and Helen Rubinstein will be participate digitally, all will have access to the center's expansive library, art collection and other resources; have the chance to network and collaborate with their fellow artists; and have support from staff as they develop their work.

Without further ado, let's meet The Watermill Center's February 2021 artists-in-residence.



MATTHEW THURBER AND BRIAN BELOTT

SPRING/BREAK Art Show 2018, 2019 and 2020; at the Museum of Modern Art in Gunma; and at the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum. In 2020, she had her first solo exhibition at KOKI ARTS in Tokyo.

"Even though my residency will be virtual, I am looking forward to engaging with this multidisciplinary spirit and expanding my community. At the same time, I am excited to develop a new artwork that is related to the history of The Watermill Center...which was once a Western Union research lab where the first fax machine stylus was invented. In an early form of the fax machine, a scanning stylus would pick up an image and convert it to a signal that was sent to a receiving stylus in a different location. The receiving stylus would then convert the signal to a reproduction of the image. During my residency, I will research the specific stylus that was developed at The Watermill Center and its echoes in contemporary technologies of image transmission. As the result of the pandemic, we often have to communicate over long distances using technologies like video chat that are in fact descendants of earlier communication technologies including the fax machine. My

project will explore this history and add to our understanding of the current moment.

BRIAN BELOTT AND MATTHEW THURBER

NYC-based artists and performers Brian Belott and Matthew Thurber have worked together in one way or another since 2010—merging their interest in poetry, speech, glosolalia, improvisation, pranks, nonsense and the gestalt of eternity. They performed at the Serpentine Gallery in London in 2016, as hosts of Belott's People Pie Pool theater assemblage for Performa 2018, and they've deployed their disruptive and chaotic tradition of verbal babble beauty to dozens of galleries, performance venues and parties over the last decade.

"We are looking forward to the opportunity for truly deep monastic mind melding into our obsessive research. After working together for 10 years in fragmented situations, we will be able to really concoct in an alchemical focused way, a great work. We will have the opportunity to look at our project from different angles. We would never be able to focus in this productive, isolated way, in any other circumstance. We plan to work on a

musical theatrical work (or OPERA!?) about Rhoda Kellog, the patron saint of children's scribbles, a Pre-K teacher who collected millions of examples of this work, and the Sphinx-like mystery of her Jungian search. First thing: We will make About 30,000 collaborative song scribbles. In off hours, becoming four-star chefs gracing each other with culinary scribbled eggworks."



NICOLE PASULKA

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Nicole Pasulka is a writer from Chicago, currently residing in Philadelphia. Her work has been published in *Harper's*, *New York*, *Mother Jones*, *The Believer* and *Oxford American*. Pasulka has been a Google Journalism Fellow and received the I.F. Stone Award from the Nation Institute, now Type Media Center, and has a Master of Arts in Journalism from NYU.

"During my residency, I am planning to revise my first draft of a narrative nonfiction profile of the Brooklyn drag community to be published by Simon and Schuster, and I'm looking forward to (virtually!) meeting other artists and writers and learning more about their lives and work."

Visit watermillcenter.org for updates on the upcoming In Process virtual studio visits with the artists.



KYOKO HAMAGUCHI

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Hailing from Tokyo, Kyoko Hamaguchi is a conceptual mixed-media artist who lives and works in New York City. Her practice takes form in many different media including photography, sculpture and installation. A curator and award-winning artist, Hamaguchi has shown in numerous group exhibitions in New York and Japan, including at WhiteBox; in the

Dr. Ruben Cohen Opens Park Smiles Southampton

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Under one roof dentistry is the hallmark of Park Smiles Southampton, the East End location of Park Smiles NYC in Manhattan. Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon Dr. Ruben Cohen opened his new office in June at the height of exodus by city families to their Hamptons homes. Many still have hunkered in place and will stay for the duration of the pandemic.

Oral & maxillofacial surgeon Dr. Ruben Cohen said the location (491 Hampton Road) can handle everything his city office does. An extensive treatment list includes pediatric dentistry, oral surgery, cosmetic dentistry, sleep apnea treatment, emergency dentistry, dental implants, wisdom teeth extractions and teeth whitening.

In addition, the new office allows for his staff to treat entire families at once in hour-long appointments. "We have three dental chairs so we can go between mom in one while the children are in the others with the pediatric dentist, so the family can feel comfortable being the only ones in the office during their treatment," he said.

Dr. Cohen was born in France and raised in Paris and Los Angeles. As an oral and maxillofacial surgeon

for 15 years, every year he travels to Africa, Asia, or Central America to provide free surgical treatment to children born with facial deformities. He volunteered in 2010 after the earthquake in Haiti and in the 9/11 rescue efforts at Ground Zero, among other volunteer work. Last year, he was in Myanmar at the end of February to repair cleft lips and palates on children while the pandemic was starting to spread.

These experiences helped the 45-year-old married father of two develop empathy and compassion and a sense of community, he said. Because of this and the health crisis preventing him from traveling out of the country this year on a mission trip, Dr. Cohen decided to offer support against COVID-19 in his practice.

"Because of COVID I was motivated to use this opportunity to treat patients here who are from the city and new ones from our new community," said Dr. Cohen. He has homes in both places and goes back and forth for his work.

"I was also moved to help out in the crisis and because I can't go to Africa or Asia this year I offer COVID-19 testing at my practices," he said. "We were also just approved to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. The freezers to store it at low temperature are here now and I've placed my first order for the vaccine. Now, we're waiting for the vaccine to come in."

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"I love being able to take care of a family as a whole," Cohen maintained. In this way, he said, "I can take full responsibility for everything that happens in the office. I can control the quality of care for everyone."

Being able to alleviate the fear some people have about going to the dentist is another important aspect of easing the process for his patients and making everyone feel at ease.

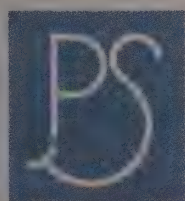
Cohen doesn't mince words when asked about that common concern.

"We offer sedation," he said. "It is part of our training as oral surgeons."

He has a bachelor of arts from Brandeis University and a doctor of dental surgery from New York University College of Dentistry and completed a residency in general surgery at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa., and a post-graduate internship and research fellowship from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.

Cohen is on staff at The Mount Sinai Hospital, Beth Israel Medical Center, Lenox Hill Hospital, Mount Sinai West, and Bellevue Hospital Center, and serves at New York Head & Neck Institute and the Little Baby Face Foundation Medical Advisory Board.

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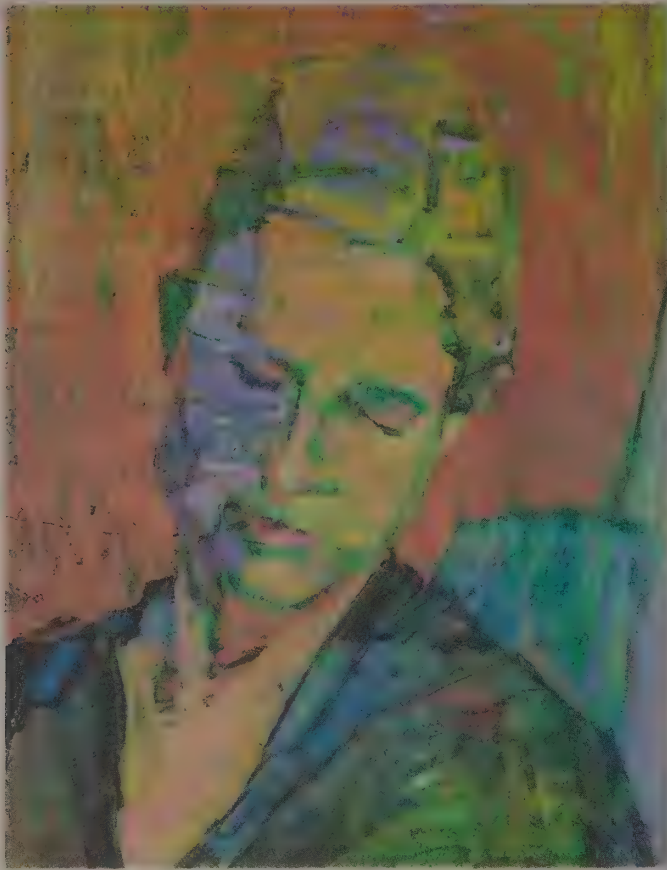
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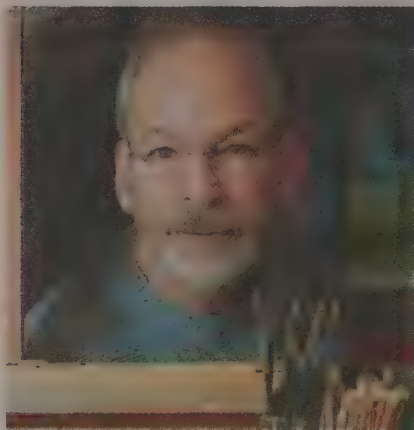
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



This Week's Cover Artist: Keith Mantell

BY LEE MEYER



Dan's Papers readers are no doubt familiar with Keith Mantell paintings, with his beautiful East End-inspired plein air work. Mantell's latest cover depicts a beautiful winter's day.

What was the inspiration for this piece?

It was the day after a snowstorm. I decided to see if there was any place paint worthy. After driving around a bit, I found this isolated spot overlooking Flanders Bay. The land moved up

nicely into the barren trees and then into the sky. The light was crisp. The temperature cold. The colors interconnected. All the elements flowed together nicely to convey a winter day on by the bay and this is what I wound up with.

Talk about what's special about winter on the East End.

Winter is always a quieter time which makes it easier to investigate areas that may be difficult to access when it's warmer and crowded. There always seems to be interesting places to explore and convey. Driving around the North Fork in winter always reveals great visual opportunities that I try to bank in my brain or camera. The solitude of our fields and coastline in the winter, that is special. With the events of this past year, the East End is a busier place now which makes it somewhat more challenging to be an isolated artist. But I still love all the culture that this area has to offer.

Tell us about your art style and how it's evolved or changed over the years.

Like anything: Practice, practice, practice. Put 10,000 hours in



COURTESY, KEITH MANTELL

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: ADDITIONAL ARTWORK BY KEITH MANTELL "LISA"; "EAST OF POSTED"; "CLOUDS OVER ROANOKE"

and things will naturally evolve and change. Influences come and go. Skill sets develop physically and mentally. Every day my style incrementally changes. It evolves with everything I absorb visually. Everything influences me and affects my painting. I can't really say what my "style" is, that would be too limiting. My imagery has many different aspects, including but not limited to realism, abstraction, analytical constructivism, minimalism and paint consistency. Whether it's a figurative piece or a landscape, there are lots of variables that influence my language of painting. The only thing that has remained constant is that I'm a 2-dimensional artist!

Talk about your process.

Stretch canvas. Pick up brushes.

Paint canvas. Repeat.

Actually, once I find a subject, whether it's a figure, still life or a landscape I will spend some time deciding on the composition. Once that is set in my head, the first touch of the brush sets me in motion and I let the painting take me for the ride. I sort of know what I want to wind up with but the better paintings are the ones where the paint chooses where I go. The challenge is to make every stroke relate to each other and as a whole thereby making the painting work. I'll hopefully wind up with a fresh spontaneous painterly unified piece if I don't stick to a specific process.

See more of Keith Mantell's work at the Fitzgerald Gallery in Westhampton and William Ris Gallery in Jamesport, as well as keithmantell.com.

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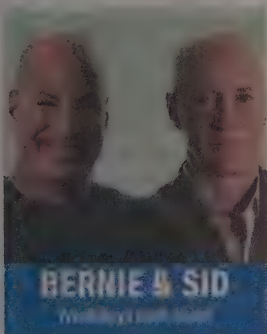


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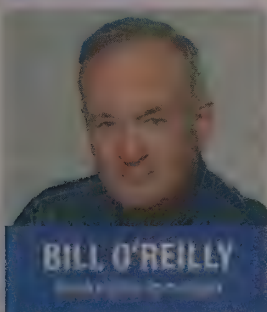
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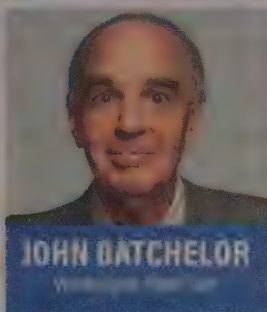
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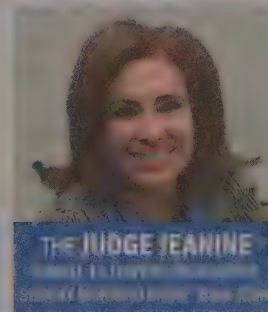
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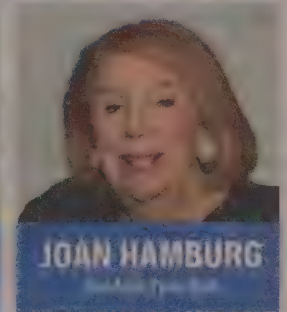
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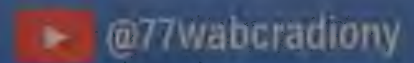
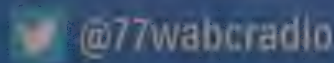
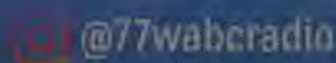


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Join Alicia Longwell and Nathan Kernan in an online livestream conversation about the friendship of poet James Schuyler and Fairfield Porter. Registration is free but required. 631-283-2118, parrishart.org



A FAIRFIELD PORTER SKETCH FOR A PORTRAIT OF JIMMY SCHUYLER

VIRTUAL WORKS IN PROGRESS CONCERT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 5 P.M.

In partnership with Neue Galerie New York, the Perlman Music Program presents a virtual concert performed by students and alumni. Watch the premiere at PMP from Home. perlmanmusicprogram.org

I REMEMBER WHEN: MEMORIES OF OLD EAST HAMPTON

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7 P.M.

Join Hugh King and Kenneth Collum for an in-depth look at the life and memories of East Hamptonite John Howard Payne, who was born in 1791 to the founder of the prestigious Clinton Academy. Registration to this Zoom event is free but required. easthamptonhistory.org

DRIFTWOOD TRIO VIRTUAL CONCERT

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:30 P.M.

The Driftwood Trio is a New York based reed trio that is committed to sharing the beautiful blend of oboe, clarinet and bassoon with various audiences. Formed in 2018, Kelly Smestad, Joshua Phillips and Garrett

Brown are all in their doctoral studies in music at Stony Brook University. Registration is free but required. twinforksmusicivic.org

BIRDING WITH FRANK: SHINNEDOCK SPECIALTIES

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 10 A.M.

Join the South Fork Natural History Museum on one of its most popular birding walks. The barrier beach area at Shinnecock is one of the few remaining undeveloped dune/salt marsh habitats on the East End and is an area that frequently has wintering snowy owls and short-eared owls. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope and a bird field guide if you have one. Registration is \$10. Register for address, 631-537-9735, info@sofo.org, sofo.org

SEAL HAUL-OUT TRAIL HIKE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 10 A.M.

Join Eva Moore on this popular hike that takes the group along an easy, wooded trail to the shores of the Block Island Sound. If conditions are right, you may find seals sunning themselves on the rocks near the shore. Camp Hero Road, Montauk. 631-681-4774, ehp.org

ADULT CIRCUIT TRAINING WITH RACHEL HAAB

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 10:30 A.M.

This 45-minute circuit training class is a total-body, heart-pumping, get-your-mind-right style of class that is great for all fitness levels. Registration is \$20. Community Learning Center at Neighborhood House, 92 Three Mile Harbor Road, East Hampton. 631-655-4586, projectmost.org

MONTAUK POINT SEAL HIKE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2 P.M.

A State Park naturalist will lead visitors on a 2-3 hour long leisurely beach walk to an area where up to four species of seals can be observed. Along the hike, hikers will see many winter birds and explore marine geology. Space is limited and reservations are required. Registration is \$4. 2000 Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2544, parks.ny.gov

URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL LIVESTREAM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 6 P.M.

The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center Arts Academy presents a livestream presentation of *Urinetown: The Musical*. Winner



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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 7 P.M.

Create a natural foot scrub to use during cold winter months. Sugar, Epsom salt, honey, a jar and ribbon will be provided in your kit, but you'll need oil, essential oil or your favorite scent. Email for the video link and to arrange free kit pickup. 631-728-6241, dvalle@hamptonbayslibrary.org, hamptonbayslibrary.org

GATHER: THE ART OF WATER

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 7 P.M.

Guild Hall's Gather is a series of conversations led by Black and Indigenous Change-makers in Suffolk County—a celebration of the East End's diversity, a recognition of fault and colonization and, most importantly, an opportunity to build and implement new understandings. The second of four conversations is with Courtney M. Leonard, a Shinnecock artist and filmmaker. Tickets are \$35. 631-324-0806, guildhall.org

ALL ABOUT GROUNDHOGS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 4 P.M.

This Zoom program will teach you all about what groundhogs eat, where they live, and their interesting habits.

You will learn about Quincy the Quogue Groundhog who is a resident at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge and learn firsthand why he needs to live in captivity. Registration is free but required. quoguewildliferefuge.org

BACK TO THE FUTURE WITH TIM GODBOLD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11 A.M.

Looking back to the 1970s and 1980s and the visionary modern architecture that became a juxtaposition to the traditional Hamptons home, design alum Timothy Godbold will share his passion for 20th century architecture on the other side of the green privet in Southampton. Join Godbold as he discusses Norman Jaffe, Myron Goldfinger, Charles Gwathmey and his new nonprofit venture Hamptons 20th Century Modern. southamptonhistory.org

VIRTUAL TAI CHI

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, NOON

Join John Turnbull every Thursday at noon for a relaxing hour of Tai Chi with the Hampton Library. Awaken your senses and strengthen your body in this enriching Zoom class. Registration is free. info@hamptonlibrary.org, myhamptonlibrary.org

SIMON & SCHUSTER REP NIGHT

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7 P.M.

Join BookHampton for an exclusive conversation with Simon & Schuster sales representative John Muse and learn everything you need to know about the year's best new books. Registration for this virtual event is free but required. bookhampton.com

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**NASA'S AIRBORNE LAB:
MAPPING POLAR ICE**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7 P.M.

Navigator Walter Klein will discuss NASA's Airborne Lab, its study of Earth's surface and atmosphere and SOFIA, a 2.7-meter flying telescope. This Zoom event, hosted by the Hamptons Observatory, is free but requires registration. [kleintalk.com](https://www.kleintalk.com)

PENGUIN ENCOUNTERS

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 1:15 P.M.

Imagine a close-up meeting with an African penguin—a 30-minute experience where you go behind the scenes and learn how Long Island Aquarium's experts care for these playful birds. Guests will see the inner workings of the Penguin Pavilion habitat firsthand, learn how staff cares for the exhibit's residents and take a photo to capture the incredible moment. Registration is \$65 in addition to the cost of general admission. 431 East Main Street, Riverhead. [longislandaquarium.com](https://www.longislandaquarium.com)

**DOROTHY RUDDICK
EXHIBITION**

NOW THROUGH JANUARY 31.

The Drawing Room has extended the exhibition featuring works by fiber artist Dorothy Ruddick. See common materials such as wool and cotton transformed into transcendent works of art. 55 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-5016, [drawingroom-gallery.com](https://www.drawingroom-gallery.com)

**RAINER GROSS: PAINTINGS
EXHIBITION**

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 14.

VSOP Projects presents a one-room solo exhibition of important

paintings by Rainer Gross in the gallery's front room. The gallery is open Thursday–Sunday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m. and by appointment. 311 Front Street, Greenport. 631-603-7736, [usoprojects.com](https://www.usoprojects.com)

LITERATURE LIVE! MOBY DICK

NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 28.

Bay Street Theater's Literature Live! continues with an on-demand theatrical production of Herman Melville's American classic *Moby Dick*. The cast features celebrated actor Harris Yulin and stars of the stage Dan Domingues, Wanza Johnson, Nehal Joshi, Trent Saunders and Allen O'Reilly. Virtual tickets are \$23. [baystreet.org](https://www.baystreet.org)

**DAVID-JEREMIAH:
PLAY EXHIBITION**NOW THROUGH
MARCH 20.

Kendra Jayne Patrick presents a Halsey McKay Gallery exhibition by Texas-born conceptual artist David-Jeremiah. Play showcases paintings belonging to a body of work called Hamborghini Rally: Soul Hunt City in which the artist uses the framework of his favorite racing video games to investigate the anatomy of revenge. 79 Newtown Lane, East Hampton. 631-604-5770, info@halseymckay.com, [halseymckay.com](https://www.halseymckay.com)

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JILL MAGID EXHIBITION

NOW THROUGH JUNE 6.

Dia presents a yearlong installation of new work by the conceptual artist, writer and filmmaker Jill Magid at Dia Bridgehampton. Magid's practice interrogates structures of power on an intimate level, exploring the emotional, philosophical and legal tensions that exist between institutions and individual agency. For her exhibition, Magid presents the series Homage CMYK, consisting of 11 four-channel screen prints on linen hung to fit the gallery in an immersive installation. The gallery is open on Saturdays and Sundays, noon–6 p.m. [diaart.org](https://www.diaart.org)

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**EAST END COLLECTED6
EXHIBITION**

JANUARY 30 THROUGH APRIL 11.

East End Collected exhibitions draw attention to the large population of artists living in the region and reflect Paton Miller's vision of the East End as an ideal environment for artists to create work. In this sixth iteration, Miller celebrates 34 new artists and further establishes Southampton Arts Center as a home where the East End arts scene continues to thrive. 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967, [southamptonartscenter.org](https://www.southamptonartscenter.org)

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CHEF HIGHLIGHT: Jason Weiner, Almond Restaurant

Almond Restaurant chef and co-owner Jason Weiner began his culinary career in Manhattan at two noted restaurants—Regine and China Grill. After working on the line in these two hot spots for about four years, Weiner headed to the West Coast and joined one of America's top chefs, Michael Mina, and opened AQUA in San Francisco. In 1996, he was part of the opening team of Charles Nob Hill in San Francisco as chef de cuisine. After the launch, Weiner spent a summer on the East Coast in the kitchen at Nick & Toni's in East Hampton. In 1998, he rejoined Mina's group and was part of the opening team for AQUA in the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. After four years in Vegas, Weiner headed back east to explore the opportunity of opening his own restaurant.

In 2001, that dream became a reality and Weiner opened Almond, a French bistro in Bridgehampton with partner Eric Lemonides. Offering reasonable prices and bold bistro fare, Almond splashed onto the Hamptons restaurant scene with rave reviews. In the fall of 2008, the team expanded their



CHEF JASON WEINER

operation to Manhattan opening Almond NYC in Manhattan's Flat Iron district. Weiner also oversees L&W Market adjacent to Almond in Bridgehampton. L&W Market offers prepared foods straight from Almond's kitchen, takeout items, dry goods, local produce and Almond's own product line, #kimchijews. The duo also operates the newly opened Almond Palm Beach in Florida.

Weiner has cooked at the James Beard House several times and has also been the featured chef for Outstanding in the Field, an open-air feast celebrating local farms and products throughout the country, for the past seven years. He has also been a featured chef at a local Hamptons culinary event, The Chefs Dinner, at the Hayground School for the past several years featuring top East End and Manhattan chefs.

Weiner is committed to using locally farmed products and local produce

in order to support the local community. In fact, 90% of the restaurant's produce from June through October came from within a seven-mile radius of the restaurant. The East End restaurant scene is truly blessed to have such a talented chef and locavore in its midst.

East Hampton's **Rowdy Hall** has launched takeout football specials just in time for playoffs and the Super Bowl.

These specials will be available through online ordering and phone orders every Saturday and Sunday through February 7. Items serve two-three people, and the menu is as follows: Wings with blue cheese and carrots (\$25); Buffalo chicken dip with toasted baguette (\$15); sausage with cornichon, mustard and toasted baguette (\$20); two large Bavarian pretzels (\$18); and Rowdy Hall old bay chips with blue cheese dressing (\$10). Growlers are also available to pair with your football feast with for \$20.21, which includes the growler. Choose from Anchor Lager, MTK Cold Day IPA and Warsteiner. All orders may be pre-ordered between 2-4:30 p.m. for the 5 p.m. pickup each weekend day. Customers may also order in advance by phone anytime

for 5 p.m. pickup on weekend days. Call 631-324-8555. rowdyhall.com

Townline BBQ is celebrating Super Bowl LV on Sunday, February 7 with game day snacks to go. Take out specials include: Bag of 50 wings with blue cheese dip (\$50) and a nacho tray (\$35), which offers a choice of pulled pork or pulled chicken topped with baked beans, jack cheese, jalapeno and sour cream. (Nachos without

meat costs \$25; nachos can be picked up hot or cold to reheat at home.) A tray of smoked bacon mac 'n' cheese is \$55. 'Que combos include: Pulled pork sandwich kit \$65 (four people) / \$130 (eight people); pulled pork with sliced bread or slider buns served with coleslaw, pickles, baked beans and chips; chicken and rib dinner \$79 (four people) / \$158 (eight people) which offers smoked chicken and pork ribs served with coleslaw, pickles, baked beans and cornbread; and the Townline Extravaganza goes for \$112 (four people) / \$224 (eight people) and includes pork ribs, brisket, pulled pork and smoked chicken served with collard greens, baked beans, cornbread



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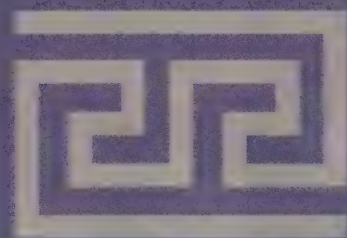
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Quote of the Week: "You don't need a silver fork to eat good food."
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Montauk Daisy: Husband and Wife Make Their Wine Debut

BY DAVID TAYLOR

At the heart of the East End's newest wine label, Montauk Daisy, lies a story of two partners in business and in life who spent over a decade at local wineries gathering the skills they'd need to create a wine label uniquely theirs.

Juan Micieli-Martinez jumped into the wine industry right after graduating college in 1999 when he took a job at the Pellegrini Vineyards tasting room before switching to Southampton Publick House, where he became Assistant Brewmaster in 2000. His time away from wine was short-lived though, as he joined Mattituck's Premium Wine Group the next year. After working a harvest at Houghton Winery in Australia, he returned to Pellegrini Vineyards in 2002, now as the production winemaker.

Born and raised in New Orleans, Bridget first visited New York as an art major scouting the land with her Long Island-based boyfriend and decided to move to the island post-college. Her art aspirations evolved into a desire to learn more about the wine industry, which flourished during her time working at Pellegrini Vineyards.

"Pellegrini was the foundation of the interest, because I realized that this wasn't just an intoxicating beverage, this is a living entity in a bottle, and it's going to change and age," Bridget says. "I found that really interesting and wanted to learn more about it."

Juan and Bridget first met during her tenure at Pellegrini, at which point they were both seeing other people. "Let's just say we did not have a very good first encounter. In fact, we both very much disliked one another," Juan says with a chuckle.



JUAN AND BRIDGET MICIELI-MARTINEZ AND THEIR SON BENICIO

"He was a little bit serious and reserved, and I was a little bit loud and excitable," Bridget adds, noting that it was some time before they reconnected and developed a friendship. "It was definitely a Jane Austen kind of thing."

By the time they started dating around 2003, Bridget had joined the newly formed Martha Clara Vineyards to manage their PR and events. After three years at Martha Clara, Bridget was wooed by Bob Palmer to join

Palmer Vineyards, where she worked for nearly a decade as Hospitality Manager and Business Manager until a new opportunity to work at the more education-focused Clovis Point Vineyard opened up in 2015. The Clovis Point chapter was short-lived, however, as Bridget wanted to devote more time to raising their young son, Benicio.

During Bridget's tenure at Martha Clara, Juan became acquainted



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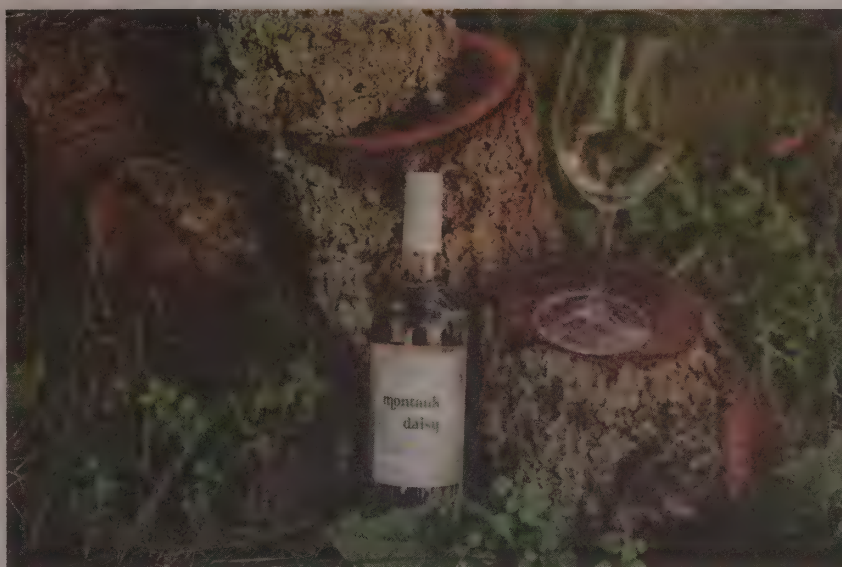
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with the founding Entenmann family, which led to him being brought on as production winemaker, then head winemaker. Throughout his time there, he received numerous accolades including the Jefferson Trophy for the best wine on the East Coast and the Governor's Cup awarded for the best wine in New York State. While Bridget was there at the beginning of Martha Clara, helping them establish themselves in the East End wine region, Juan was there at the end, with his 10-year tenure concluding with the sale of Martha Clara in 2018.

"I grew a lot as a winemaker and as a person, and I eventually became the general manager, as well. It was a great run," Juan says. "When it concluded, I knew I'd be starting my next phase, but I didn't know what that would be.... When you get involved in the wine industry there's always this kind of dream in the back of your head to have your own brand or have your own winery, and we've embarked upon that now. Had I still been with Martha Clara—had things not changed—we probably wouldn't be doing what we're doing now."

With the push they needed to begin concocting their own wine label, Juan



MONTAUK DAISY'S 2019 CHARDONNAY

reached out to fellow Premium Wine Group members Mineo Shimura and Theresa Dilworth, owners of Le Clos Therese Vineyard in Aquebogue, who had been looking for someone to partially take the vineyard over. The four comprise the Montauk Daisy team, each serving a unique function in the operation—Juan is the winemaker, Bridget is skilled at marketing and PR, Shimura is devoted to the care of the vineyard and Dilworth is an expert at

the legal side of the wine industry.

Le Clos Therese is set up similarly to a meter-by-meter European vineyard, with rows too narrow for mechanical tools, requiring most work to be done by hand, and a higher overall vine density than many local vineyards. While each vine holds less fruit, it allows for a smoother ripening process. "Sometimes people look at a vineyard like that and say, 'Oh, I want nothing to do with that,'" Juan says. "Well,

that's exactly the reason why I love it, because it's not like other vineyards on Long Island."

Montauk Daisy's two debut wines, a 2019 rosé and a 2019 Chardonnay, hit the market in the final weeks of 2020 and quickly set themselves apart from the similar varietals. The rosé is a blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon made with a technique that, rather than picking each grape variety as they ripen and fermenting them, picks the fruit around the same time (late for merlot and early for cabernet sauvignon) and blends them in the fields as they're getting picked. The Chardonnay is incredibly expressive and savory for its kind and encapsulates the overlooked potential of the varietal. "Chardonnay is one of the varietals that's not in demand and not popular, but on Long Island, and it's just so special," Bridget remarks. The 2019 red wine is expected to be released by late summer, with the 2020 class of white, red and rosé on the horizon for 2021, as well.

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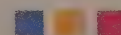
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Mayor Jesse Warren Talks Big Plans for Southampton Village

BY DAVID TAYLOR

With the addition of two new Southampton Village trustees, Gina Arresta and Joseph McLoughlin, in September, Mayor Jesse Warren and the Village Board have experienced a considerable boost in productivity and speed. Warren discusses the shift, his top Southampton projects and his goals for 2021 and beyond.

WHAT EFFECT HAVE THE NEW VILLAGE TRUSTEES HAD ON THE BOARD AND THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND WHAT IS YOUR OUTLOOK AS YOUR TEAM HEADS INTO 2021?

They've had a transformative effect! In our first board meeting that we had at the end of September, we were finally able to get our appointments through. So for 14 months, the former board blocked all mayoral appointments—they blocked the appointment of an administrator, treasurer, clerk and even my assistant.... We were now also able to hire a part-time accountant to help us with our budget and help us implement Questica...which is the program we need in order to create an open data portal.

The budget is the legislative agenda, and if the funds are not appropriate in the budget for a specific legislative agenda, then you obviously can't ac-

complish that goal.... It is what it is, that it's been almost two-thirds into the first term where we finally get a budget that we actually would like to work off of. When I took office, we were working off the prior mayor's budget, and I was in the minority of the board in the first half of the first term.

WHAT STEPS ARE YOU TAKING TOWARD ACTUALIZING THE MASTER PLAN FOR SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE?

The goal is to try to envision or reimagine what the village will look like. So ultimately, you've got Main Street, which is quite nice. You've got Jobs Lane, which is kind of falling behind a little bit. And you've got Nugent Street and Windmill Lane, which typically are under-utilized. I call them 'pedestrian hostile,' and they really should be redesigned to make them more walkable, more bikeable, more green.... Nugent Street should really be a restaurant row, which would be a street with businesses and potentially some housing there. Windmill Lane kind of



MAYOR JESSE WARREN

just falls off. You don't really go walk on Windmill Lane anymore; there's a restaurant or two but mostly naked storefronts.

Even though the sewers are at least three to five years out, [the redesign] goes hand-in-hand with a sewer dis-

Property Tax Reduction Deadline Extended

BY SEAN ACOSTA *President & Founder*

The recent extension of the Nassau County tax grievance filing date to April 30 is good news for that County's homeowners, who are now being given an extra few months to file. The deadline for Suffolk County filers is May 21, 2021.

Due to the County-wide reassessment that took place last year, many homeowners are going to see a hike in their property taxes. It's no wonder that homeowners are looking for answers...and some relief. At Property Tax Reduction Consultants (P.T.R.C., Inc.), we are seeing a collective cry for help and a surge in requests for tax reduction filings.

Our phones have been ringing off the hook. Everyone received their general tax bill recently and they are seeing an increase in their taxes due to the reassessment. With the reassessment, the value of some homes doubled or tripled, and this is reflected in the general tax bill.

Many homeowners are also calling with questions about the Nassau County Taxpayer Protection Program, which is a five-year phase-in of the new assessments.

It basically means that what you are paying now, is just going to up.

Now the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic and its

devastating economic ramifications have given another cause for concern, as counties grapple with budget deficits stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.

Wading into the world of tax assessment, market values and tax grievances may have you shaking your head. Sure, we all know what property taxes are, but how is it calculated and how can I challenge my assessment and get it lowered?

WHAT IS A PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT?

Your property's assessment is one of the factors used by your local governments and school district to determine the amount of your property taxes. A property's assessment is based on its market value. Market value is how much a property would sell for under normal conditions.

WHAT IS MARKET VALUE?

The price at which a property would sell if offered for sale under ordinary circumstances. Market value is usually determined by comparison with similar homes.

WHAT DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF A PROPERTY TAX BILL?

To calculate the amount you pay in property taxes—multiply your property's assessment (your assessment

minus any exemptions) by the tax rates issued by your school district, municipalities, counties and special districts. Your tax bill can change each year due to changes in your school district or local government budgets, revenue, total assessed value and tax rates.

Changes in your assessment or exemptions can also impact your tax bill.

Property tax bills—Tax bill calendars differ in different counties, as well as some cities.

Rather than receiving tax bills, those who have their property taxes held in escrow receive receipts.

As a homeowner, you are entitled to file a Property Tax Grievance. A Property Tax Grievance allows your assessment to be reviewed by the Assessor to see if a reduction is warranted. If the Assessor does not reduce your assessment, an appeal can be filed to have an impartial hearing officer determine if your house is overvalued for tax purposes.

As founder and CEO of Property Tax Reduction Consultants, I'm an expert on property tax reductions. I've successfully handled more than 335,000 property tax assessment challenges over the past 30 years in business, saving hard-working homeowners millions of dollars.

While there has always been a path to property tax relief through the tax grievance process, it has never been more critical than now. The ability to hold onto your home and ride out these tough economic times will demand that you do all that you can. That means scrutinizing your tax bill for accuracy and considering challenging your property taxes.

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trict. Now, unfortunately for us, we had a designated spot for our sewer, but we moved the ambulance barn to that location. So when I met with the county and Peter Scully, they were a bit surprised that, at that time in 2015, the village would basically decide to move a building to the one spot where a sewer could be. So now we have to either find a new spot for a sewer or connect it to the hospital and work with them as a partner. Ultimately, the sewer is a top priority, because once you have a sewer district and better water treatment, you can do things like more restaurants, more theaters, more housing options in our downtown, so the re-thinking of the downtown also goes hand-in-hand with a sewer district, but we're hoping to move that along and have a plan so we can start getting to work and getting funding.

HOW GO THE EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP LAKE AGAWAM?

We want to continue to push the clean water agenda, working both on Lake Agawam as well as some of the other polluted water bodies in the village, such as Old Town pond, and we're continuing to work with the Lake Agawam Conservancy, which is

an organization that I helped start. We've raised a lot of money there, and we've done some projects like the bioswale on the south side of the lake and installing a telemetric buoy. We were recently awarded a Community Preservation Fund grant to do a study for a permeable reactive barrier, which is basically a fancy way to describe wood chips that are embedded into the ground to basically stop the flow of a nutrient-rich aquifer into the lake. We've also harvested lily pads, which break down into additional nutrients for harmful algae blooms. We actually saw a slight decrease in the density of the algae blooms this year, but there's still a tremendous amount of work to be done. And then we were also awarded a CPF grant from the Town to do a bioswale at Old Town Pond.

Now, the dredging is a massive undertaking—it's expensive, it requires a lot of space and it has been talked about for decades now in the village, but it is time to actually do that. But the big project we have planned is in collaboration with the DEC, and this April, approximately, we're going to be doing a pilot program where we'll

be applying two coats of hydrogen peroxide, which breaks down into water, coupled with a micro-sonic technology device that shoots micro-sonic waves into the lake. So the goal with this project is simply just to disrupt the harmful algae blooms.... Thanks to our new board, we also funded phase one of a plan to install what's called a

The goal is to try to envision or reimagine what the village will look like.

constructed wetland system, and what that does is treat the surface water and the groundwater so that it removes some of those nutrients. We're not addressing the source—which it comes from the septic systems, pesticides, fertilizers and runoff—but this, at least, treats the problem at the source.

WHAT'S ONE PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT YOU'RE EXCITED ABOUT?

We had a public hearing for a legislation that hopefully will allow for more workforce housing or housing options for year-round residents who live in the village. What the proposed legislation does is allow anyone who has an accessory apartment or accessory structure in that unit—so that could be a side portion of a house, but it has to look and feel like a multi-family house and have off-street parking—but if you have a finished legal basement or if you have a separate entrance with a separate bedroom or separate living area, you can now legally turn that, by applying to the ZBA, into a legal accessory structure that you can rent. So the purpose of that is to increase the inventory and supply of smaller apartment units, so that if you're looking for somewhere that's more affordable to live, maybe that's an option, or if you're a senior who wants the age in place, you could rent a portion of your home legally, so that you can pay some of your bills.

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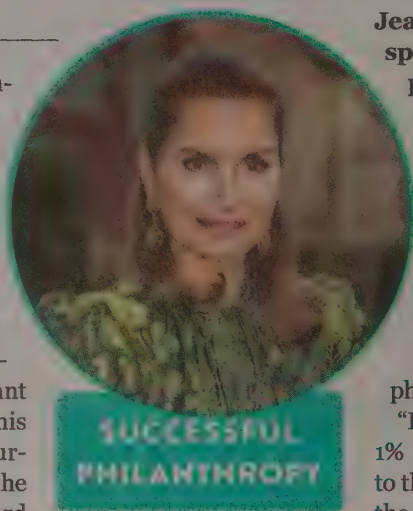
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James D. Forbes

Board Member Southampton Hospital

BY JEAN SHAFIROFF

James D. Forbes is a Board Member of the Southampton Hospital Association and a part-time resident of East Hampton. Mr. Forbes also serves as Chair of the East Hampton Emergency Department Campaign Committee that has raised \$20 million in 2020 to build the new East Hampton Emergency Department. Monies raised to date include a significant personal gift from Forbes and his wife, Hollis Forbes. Forbes also currently serves as the Chairman of the Loyola University of Maryland Board of Trustees and is a member of Duke University School of Medicine of Visitors. In addition, Forbes is a member of the Board of Orbis, the international nonprofit that fights avoidable blindness. Forbes is Vice Chairman of Investment Banking at Morgan Stanley and here discusses his involvement with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and the creation of the new Emergency Department.



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Jean Shafiroff: Why do you spend so much of your time on philanthropic efforts?

James D. Forbes: I was raised in a small town in North Carolina and I feel very fortunate to have had the career path that I have had. Not being born into wealth, I understand how lucky we are. My wife and I believe we have the responsibility to give back and be involved in philanthropy in our communities. "If you're in the luckiest 1% of humanity, you owe it to the rest of humanity to think about the other 99%." I fully believe in this quote from Warren Buffett. It is not

just an expression but also something my wife, Hollis, and I try to incorporate into our daily lives. We have decided to focus on healthcare and education, two areas that make an essential difference to people's lives.

Jean Shafiroff: How did you get involved in

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital?

James D. Forbes: About eight years ago, the opportunity to be involved with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital came up when a Hospital Board member approached me with the suggestion. I thought my background working with healthcare companies as an investment banker would fit with the Hospital's needs. Then I met Bob Chaloner [Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Chief Administrative Officer] and Steven Bernstein [President of the Southampton Hospital Foundation] and I was fortunate enough to be asked formally to join the board.

It was a great decision and one which led me to recently becoming the Chair of the East Hampton Emergency Department Campaign Committee.

Jean Shafiroff: Can you tell us more about the East Hampton project?

James D. Forbes: My wife and I are part-time residents of East Hampton. We are locals here and we are acutely aware that the community needs greater access to first class medical care. We have also supported the East Hampton Healthcare Foundation for years and we have seen it grow from a few thousand visits a year to three times that number. When the Southampton Hospital Foundation joined forces with the East Hampton Healthcare Foundation to build a new Emergency Department in East Hampton, my wife and I did not hesitate to take a leading role in raising the funds.

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Jean Shafiroff: I believe you've made a substantial contribution to the \$35 million fundraising goal for the new East Hampton Emergency Department, how much more do you need to raise?

James D. Forbes: Hollis and I were very glad to be able to make a significant gift and we are deeply appreciative of all the people we know in the community who have also stepped forward with very generous donations. Thanks to them, we have raised over \$20 million, which has also triggered another \$10 million New York State grant. That takes us to around \$30 million so we have another \$6 million to raise to reach the construction goal and then we will need to establish an on-going fund to support the facility going forward.

Jean Shafiroff: What are your plans to raise the last \$6 million?

James D. Forbes: Andrew Davis, who has made a very substantial personal gift, as Trustee for the Shelby Cullom Davis Foundation, offered a \$6 million matching grant. This act of extraordinary generosity encourages us to believe our final fundraising goal is well within reach.

Jean Shafiroff: What difference do you think having an Emergency Department in East Hampton can make in the community?

James D. Forbes: In an emergency, like a heart attack, seconds truly count and can make the difference between life and death. Getting to Stonybrook



JAMES D. FORBES

Southampton Hospital in the summer traffic can take 45 minutes to an hour. People living in East Hampton, Amagansett, Montauk and Sag Harbor

need this Emergency Department.

They also need outpatient services close to home, so we are delighted that this facility will also offer a lab for testing, imaging equipment for faster diagnosis as well as ambulance and helicopter transport for acute and complex situations. This center will directly improve people's lives and this is a wonderful thing to be involved in.

Jean Shafiroff: What would your advice be to someone reading this?

James D. Forbes: It's simple: Get involved in your community. If you can contribute financially to the Emergency Department, with \$10 or \$100, that would be most appreciated and every gift will help us get closer to that final figure. However, there are other ways to contribute as well, just jump in. I am involved in a few other charities, but being able to do something like this, which can literally change and save lives in your own community is rewarding beyond words.

Jean Shafiroff is a philanthropist, advocate, TV host, writer, volunteer leader of several charitable causes. She is the author of "Successful Philanthropy: How to Make a Life By What You Give" and producer and host of the TV show "Successful Philanthropy," which airs four times a week through LTV studios in East Hampton and in New York City Friday nights at 8:30 p.m. on Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN): Spectrum Channel 34 and 1995, Verizon/FiOS Channel 33, and RCN Channel 82.

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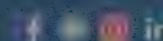
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Home Spaces Reimagined Due To Pandemic

BY TAMMY SCILEPPI

When people have lots of time on their hands, they tend to get creative.

That has certainly been true during the pandemic when DIY projects have become super popular, with home improvement stores seeing a boost in sales. Sheltering in place has inspired many homeowners on Long Island to reimagine and improve the look and function of their dwellings.

Working from home and remote learning have meant that families have had to create dedicated spaces in a jiffy, while some parents have been busy repurposing rooms, attics, and basements for their grown kids, who were suddenly leaving college dorms and city pads and moving back home.

According to a recent survey of nearly 1,000 U.S. homeowners on Houzz, 70 percent reported they were thinking about making changes that could help them enjoy their homes more. Outdoor, bathroom, and kitchen projects topped the wish list.

Here's what design pros have been doing to help homeowners out during the pandemic.

NEW NORMAL

Haley Johnson, communications coordinator at real estate marketplace Zillow, points out that the pandemic emphasized the importance of keeping germs away from the main spaces of your home.

"Consider upgrading your bathroom or kitchen with a touchless faucet to limit the amount of areas your family and guests are touching," she suggests. "Plus, a nice, new faucet can add style to a bathroom or kitchen alike."

Builders are also considering how coronavirus will drive building decisions in the future.

"Staying at home emphasized there were not enough quiet spaces to work, and we might start to see the once-popular open floor plans change in favor of more privacy, adding in more doors to separate rooms," she explains. "As people are working from home now, there needs to be space to accommodate. However, you can also have the best of both worlds by adding barn door features to give yourself privacy when needed, while still preserving the open-concept space."



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GREAT OUTDOORS

During quarantine, folks craved spending time outdoors and quickly learned how to transform any backyard or patio space, no matter how small or boring, into a lovely oasis. And now, it's a hot trend.

"It's no surprise outdoor space is the top reason people would consider a move due to social distancing recom-

Design pros Jen Fox and Tonia Omeltchenko of LI-based Fox + Chenko touted some recent "pandemic-friendly" projects that have made a huge difference in their clients' lives. In one, a multi-seasonal, screened outdoor living space with direct access to the backyard added sizable square footage to a family's Port Washington residence.

gas fireplace will warm the room, while in nicer weather, framed screen windows and an oversized driftwood ceiling fan allow for ultimate cooling and airflow.

A combination of pendant and sconce light fixtures adds style and function. Tall outdoor lanterns, patterned decorative pillows, a colorful textured area rug, and lush greenery add a relaxed ambiance to this nature-inspired refuge.

MULTIFUNCTIONAL MUSTS

In another project, a new home office doubles as a guest room for a client in Great Neck.

"Not only does the user need a proper space for a laptop and cell phone, but other factors, like how quiet the area is for a phone call, how well-positioned the space is to WiFi, or what the background for a Zoom call is, has to be considered," says Omeltchenko.

"The desk area has to be organized and have storage space," she adds. "The bed—usually a pullout sofa—should have a comfortable mattress and be easy to operate."

This story originally appeared in Long Island Press.

During quarantine, folks craved spending time outdoors and quickly learned how to transform any backyard space.

mendations," Haley says. "Spend this time sprucing up your yard by landscaping, adding a firepit, and overall making your outdoor spaces a cozy getaway you can enjoy safely."

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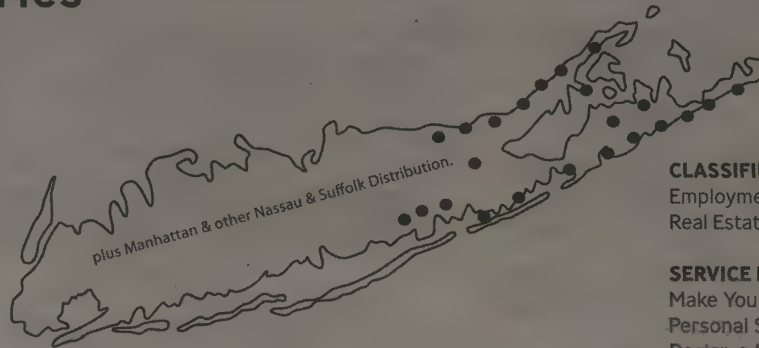
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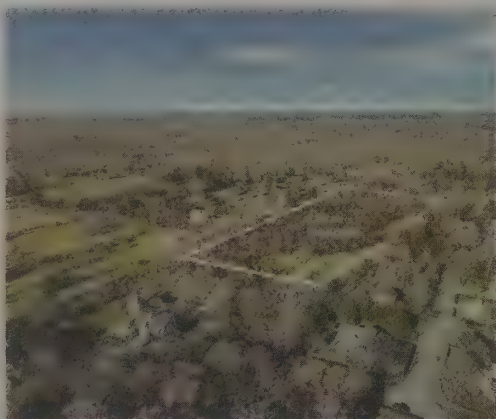
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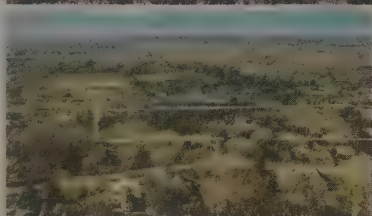
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The 15,521-square-foot home sits boasts water view from every room and the multiple outdoor entertaining spaces. Plus, there are 11 bedrooms, 12 full bathrooms and four half baths, as well as an attached caretaker's cottage. The home features wood flooring and custom millwork throughout, three fireplaces, luxury grasscloth wall coverings

The entryway to the home is quite magnificent with views straight to the ocean. A grand hall divides the formal living room from a dining area with three sets of French doors that open to the ocean-facing patio. An 800-square-foot glass-enclosed sunporch with a bar is located off of the living room.

Intricate tile work, inspired by the glittering ocean views, can be found in the sunroom and the kitchen. Any chef will love preparing a meal here, as the kitchen features commercial-grade appliances, a large center island and pantry. A breakfast room leads to the two-bedroom, one bath suite for staff.

The den, another light-filled space, is located at the top of the main staircase on the second level. There are six bedrooms — four ensuite bedrooms and two that share a Jack-and-Jill bathroom, plus the luxurious primary suite, as it is called. All the bedrooms, as well as the den, have access to a 660-square-foot oceanfront terrace with hot tub.

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- 7. Park in well-lit areas.** Most vehicle thefts occur at night when it's dark outside. Parking in a lit and visible area is best.
- 8. Engage your emergency brake.** Vehicles are more difficult for thieves to tow away if the emergency brake is engaged.
- 9. Use a tracker.** Police can use vehicle tracking devices to more quickly find stolen vehicles.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns at any time at 1-866-964-4434.

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Holly Rilinger, Fiancée Nab 'Dream' Home in East Hampton Despite Bidding War

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Holly Rilinger, an internationally known health and fitness coach who once starred in the Bravo reality show, *Work Out New York*, has planted roots in East Hampton — but it was not an easy task in this market.

Rilinger, a master Nike trainer and former professional basketball player, and her partner, Jennifer Ford, purchased a home on Kings Point Road in Springs for \$1.35 million — \$55,000 over ask as the home had been listed at \$1.295 million with Casey Bistran and Jamesine Staubitser of Compass in October. Like many homes in this price point nowadays, there was a bidding war, with multiple offers.

"We both agreed we didn't know what we would do if we didn't get it," Rilinger said.

Bistran said they are seeing bidding wars when properties are priced right. "I think it's a combination of lack of inventory and high demand. There is still a ton of buyers floating around with minimal options available," Bistran said this week.

Scott Bradley of Saunders & Associates, who, with his wife Gina Bradley, represented the buyers, said the bidding wars will continue given the unprecedented demand and limited supply. "Over the past 12 months we've seen trades out number new listings. A consequence of 2020's strong sales activity, ongoing pandemic concerns and



HOLLY RILINGER'S NEW HOME ON KINGS POINT ROAD

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new buyers living in these properties rental property inventory will also be impacted," he said.

Rilinger and Ford, who recently recovered from COVID-19 and documented their journey online to help raise awareness about the severity of the pandemic, got the keys to their new 2,800-square-foot home at the end of December, located on a half-acre lot in Clearwater Private Beach & Marina Association. The four-bedroom, three-bath home, which features a covered porch under a turret, was described in the listing as a turn-key home with an open living space, including a living

area with a wood-burning fireplace.

The second level has a master bedroom with walk-in closets and tranquil-looking master bathroom with radiant heated floors, blue stone accent wall and skylight, which was featured in *Behind The Hedges* in November.

Timing is everything. Though Ford had been combing real estate websites and magazines "fantasy searching," half in earnest, she says, the couple, who share a home in Tribeca and have rented for the past few summers on the South Fork, had only spent a few weekends seriously looking for a home here.

After three years of collecting mo-



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mentos, art, and other items from their travels for their future "beach house," she told Ford, "No more! We just had too many things—it was time for a home." Both women usually travel extensively, but life has slowed down during the COVID-19 pandemic and they felt it was the perfect time to buy.

"We knew it wasn't an ideal time to buy in this hot market. We figured we could look at homes in our price range and if we came away empty-handed, so be it. We could always rent again," Rilinger said.

They were driving back from lunch with Gina Bradley, Ford's best friend and the founder of Paddle Diva, the well-known stand-up paddle boarding program, when her husband called and said they had to take a look at 35 Kings Point Road.

Ford had reservations about being "all the way in Clearwater," but Rilinger insisted. "We were at the end of all our prospects and I thought, 'Why not?' Within five minutes at the open house, Jen and I were bursting with excitement and knew it was our home."

Ford agreed, "I hadn't even made it upstairs before I took Holly's arm and said, 'This is it. This is our home.' I say that finding a home is like falling in

love... you just know instantly!"

Clearwater Beach, with its community only beach access and boat slips and its sense of community, is a popular community right now. According to Hamptons Market Data, 28 listings have sold in the neighborhood from September 1 to January 22, and 14 are currently in contract—all below \$3 million.

Given the feverish pace buyers are snatching up homes in the price point, getting the house wasn't certain. "I've never had an open house so crowded," Gina Bradley recalled. "While they did pay a teeny bit more, it's one of those rare circumstances that it was better value."

Ford liked that there is plenty of room for her teenaged kids, a finished basement for a media room, a fenced backyard for their puppies—which they got during quarantine—and an open plan for entertaining. "Lots of decking and a pool added to the package, as does the super clean garage where Holly and I can live-stream and record our fitness and yoga classes," she said.

It is indeed one Rilinger's favorite parts of their new home — oh, besides those heated floors in the master bathroom, which she said they didn't even



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HOLLY RILINGER (RIGHT), JENNIFER FORD

realize it had until after the closing. She is turning the oversized garage into her own studio where she can stream live content onto her LIFTED platform, a workout and fitness program. She is looking forward to the summer when she can also train clients and host classes.

"As real estate agents, it's really exciting for me to watch people buy homes

in the Hamptons and get into our community with the same amount of passion as I have," Gina Bradley said.

The couple rented in the Springs last summer near Maidstone Park and they love the "homey, down to earth and easy-going" feel of the area. Ford spent childhood summers in her family's home on the Great Peconic Bay. "Our home was filled with friends and family



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Bridgehampton	Ruth Tiska US Bank	Arleen Furer BWInbtwRE Corp	14 Murray Place	Residence	12/11/20	862,000
			688 Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike	Residence	06/12/20	660,000
Calverton	John J Jackowski	Seasmoke Properties LLC	4498 Middle Country Road	Residence	10/28/20	285,000
Cutchogue	US Bank	J & P Family LLC	29825 Main Road	Residence	07/31/20	325,954
East Hampton	Estate of Fred Mengoni Allan Spivack Blake Helppie 24 Skimhampton LLC Estate of Nancy O'Brien James & Kathryn Pool Jordan & Sarah Turner Peter Borowsky My Friend 1 LLC 21 Oyster Pond LLC Ann Harper Living Trust Brookecollins LLC Lynda D Kuser	Woods Lane Holdings LLC Hal Goldberg Mimi Y Sheng Tarigh Yusuf Laura Lisowski Benjamin Dixon Jote Kassa Ellenka Trust-Hunter Francisco Mendoza Jose A Calderon Matthew Abedi Construction 101 LLC 112 Two Holes of Water LLC	6 Woods Lane	Residence	12/16/20	7,000,000
			18 Noelles Lane	Residence	10/29/20	3,200,000
			592 Hands Creek Road	Residence	10/29/20	1,925,000
			24 Skimhampton Road	Commercial	10/30/20	1,800,000
			78 Dayton Lane	Residence	12/30/20	1,650,000
			2 Wagon Lane	Residence	12/04/20	1,525,000
			215 Buckskill Road	Residence	10/16/20	1,375,000
			29 Oyster Pond Lane	Residence	08/24/20	1,139,750
			8 Semaphore Road	Residence	12/29/20	1,050,000
			21 Oyster Pond Lane	Residence	12/31/20	975,000
			19 Renees Way	Residence	10/30/20	870,000
			23 Fairway Drive	Vacant	12/31/20	500,000
			112 Two Holes Water Road	Residence	11/11/20	253,840
East Quogue	John & Linda Iacono Mark Altman	James & Ruth Brown Gail & Israel Berger	59 Dune Road	Residence	12/11/20	12,625,000
			3 Oakland Lane	Residence	10/07/20	2,060,000
Greenport	Modern Age Home Builders LLC Karolyn & Thomas Jenkins Joseph Angevine	Cynthia Lewis Richard Bundy Noah & Sunita Schwartz	375 Green Hill Lane	Residence	11/13/20	1,105,300
			812 Front Street	Residence	07/30/20	530,000
			655 Flint Street	Residence	09/30/20	470,000
Hampton Bays	Antoinette & Brian Mangel Richard Passero Trust South Dune Builders LLC Kushnir Trust	Margo & Paul Kizel Domenica Cinquemani Kimberly E Marcelle Jerome Guerin	11 Bay Drive	Residence	10/29/20	1,100,000
			4 Country Lane	Residence	12/23/20	814,000
			45 Shore Road	Residence	10/28/20	610,000
			12 Stonywell Court	Residence	11/24/20	525,000
Jamesport	Marianne Nykiel	Jameson Proctor	385 South Jamesport Avenue	Residence	12/18/20	550,000
Mattituck	Joseph & Robyn Romano	Aaron W Ford	1775 Point Pleasant Road	Residence	12/31/20	1,475,000
Montauk	Mary McDevitt Adam Heasley Arnold & Dorothy Weinstock	Jan & Ralph Bekkevold Christal Henner Diane & Richard Murdison	47 Seaview Avenue	Residence	10/13/20	2,035,000
			323 Flamingo Avenue	Residence	10/15/20	1,600,000
			67 Soundview Drive	Residence	12/11/20	1,371,000

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Quogue	JL Quogue Development LLC	James Hatzipetros	30 Jessups Landing Court East	Condo	12/29/20	1,425,680
Remsenburg	Estate of Eva Alpert	J Ryan Heller	12 Cedar Lane	Residence	10/26/20	1,300,000
Riverhead	AKP Corporation	653 Cross River Drive LLC	139 Main Road	Commercial	09/30/20	810,000
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	Jayne & Michael Kurtz	Andres Ojeda	40 Linda Lane East	Residence	12/31/20	530,000
	Frederick & Wendy Mildner	Jorge & Rodolfo Perez	55 Constable Drive	Residence	12/03/20	400,000
	Eleanor Gatz	AJG13 LLC	Church Lane	Vacant	10/05/20	364,372
	Sag Harbor LLC	43NBA LLC	43 Noyac Bay Avenue	Residence	12/17/20	8,800,000
	Seena Stromberg	Laura Weinstock	92 Old Noyack Path	Residence	12/15/20	3,520,000
Sag Harbor	Estate of May Kelman	Bilha Fish	240 Redwood Road	Residence	07/23/20	1,699,000
	Twelve Parkway Drive LLC	Alissa & Cary London	12 Parkway Drive	Residence	12/21/20	1,460,000
	Lisa Duffy	Brian Wilson	29 Oak Drive	Residence	12/04/20	500,000
Sagaponack	Andrew & Jennifer Isikoff	Michael Weinstein	486 Wainscott Harbor Road	Residence	12/03/20	4,750,000
	Ageane Sea LLC	Ron Deutsch	261 Toppings Path	Residence	11/03/20	910,000
Southampton	Estate of Monique Picot	270 Ox Pasture Road LLC	270 Ox Pasture Road	Residence	11/18/20	8,750,000
	Dragana & Vlatko Vlatkovic	Chelsea & Christian Baetz	120 Leland Lane	Residence	12/15/20	3,510,000
	William Parash	Bruce & Catherine Pherson	21 Broadway	Residence	12/11/20	3,275,000
Southold	Saadq Bey	Bridget & Stephanie Fowle	480 Terry Lane	Residence	12/14/20	505,500
Speonk	Edward J Maryon	Max Corrigan	9 Leslie Court	Residence	12/29/20	515,000
Wading River	Mariellen Young	Cristina Rossi	122 Fairway Drive	Residence	10/21/20	518,000
Water Mill	207 Narrow Lane Redevelopment LLC	RedEight LLC	207 Narrow Lane South	Residence	11/04/20	3,795,000
Westhampton	Cecilia Kempton	Yuri Shkuro	28 Jagger Lane	Residence	12/04/20	2,495,000
	Claire & Philip Bean	Guy S Tallent	126 Montauk Highway	Residence	12/04/20	1,425,000
Westhampton Beach	Irene Campbell Trust	George & Yvette Poulon	122 Beach Lane	Residence	11/23/20	2,400,000

HIGH PROFILE

Judi A. Desiderio

CEO, Town & Country Real Estate

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TOWN AND COUNTRY'S JUDI DESIDERIO

BY TODD SHAPIRO

There are few more recognizable names in Long Island's East End real estate industry than Town and Country Real Estate. It was built that way by Judi Desiderio.

Inspired by the timelessness of the East End, she fell in love with it on a trip to Montauk and decided to plant her roots. She hoped that other people would find the same joy of calling the Hamptons "home," so she started her East End-focused real estate brokerage, Town and Country Real Estate, in December of 2005. But, little did she know the trouble just beyond the bend.

With the agency in its infancy, the financial crisis of 2008 shook Long Island real estate to its core. Then began some of the most troubling times in history for Long Island's North Fork, and nearly every other region, for that matter. Real estate agencies

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were buckling beneath the difficulty of the "Great Recession," and Desiderio was faced with difficult choices to make.

Her decision: perseverance.

With, at that point, just over two decades of experience selling homes on the East End, she knew that this market was one-of-a-kind, and, with time, would recover. And it did.

Now, nearly a decade-and-a-half later, Town and Country Real Estate is thriving, due in large-part to the leadership of Desiderio. Her business has expanded to eight locations, with over 150 brokers and agents. Selecting the right people who share her vision and passion for the business was key.

Her goals, as a company, revolve around the success of her agents. Her offices, she says, embrace every inch of beauty of the Hamptons, leaving no part unappreciated. Now, they are prominently located in Bridgehampton, Southampton, Westhampton, Montauk, Greenport, Mattituck and two in East Hampton.

Why the continued success, we asked? In such a difficult year, she has seen a COVID-19 sales "kick-up," as she calls it: New York residents, liberated by the freedom of remote work, can now embrace the natural treasure that is Long Island's East End.

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In a form of literary "footprints" in the Hamptons sand, she offers the words of Will Rogers as inspiration to those seeking to emulate her success, in real estate or another industry, Desiderio says: "Know what you're doing, love what you are doing, and believe in what you are doing."

Desiderio resides in East Hampton with her husband and has two grown sons.

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